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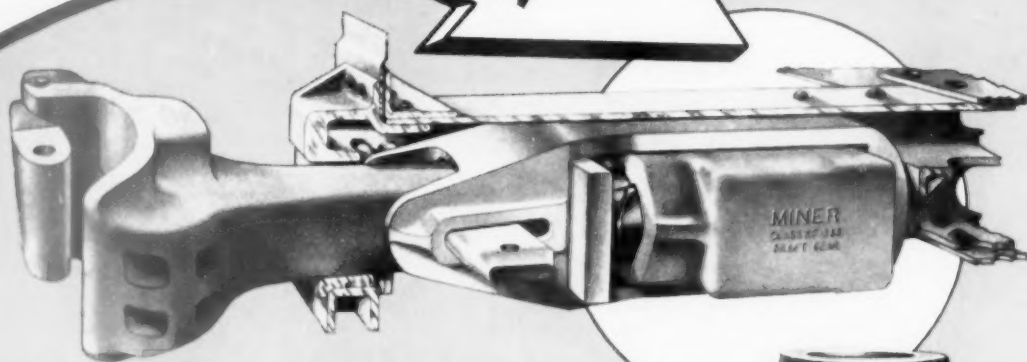
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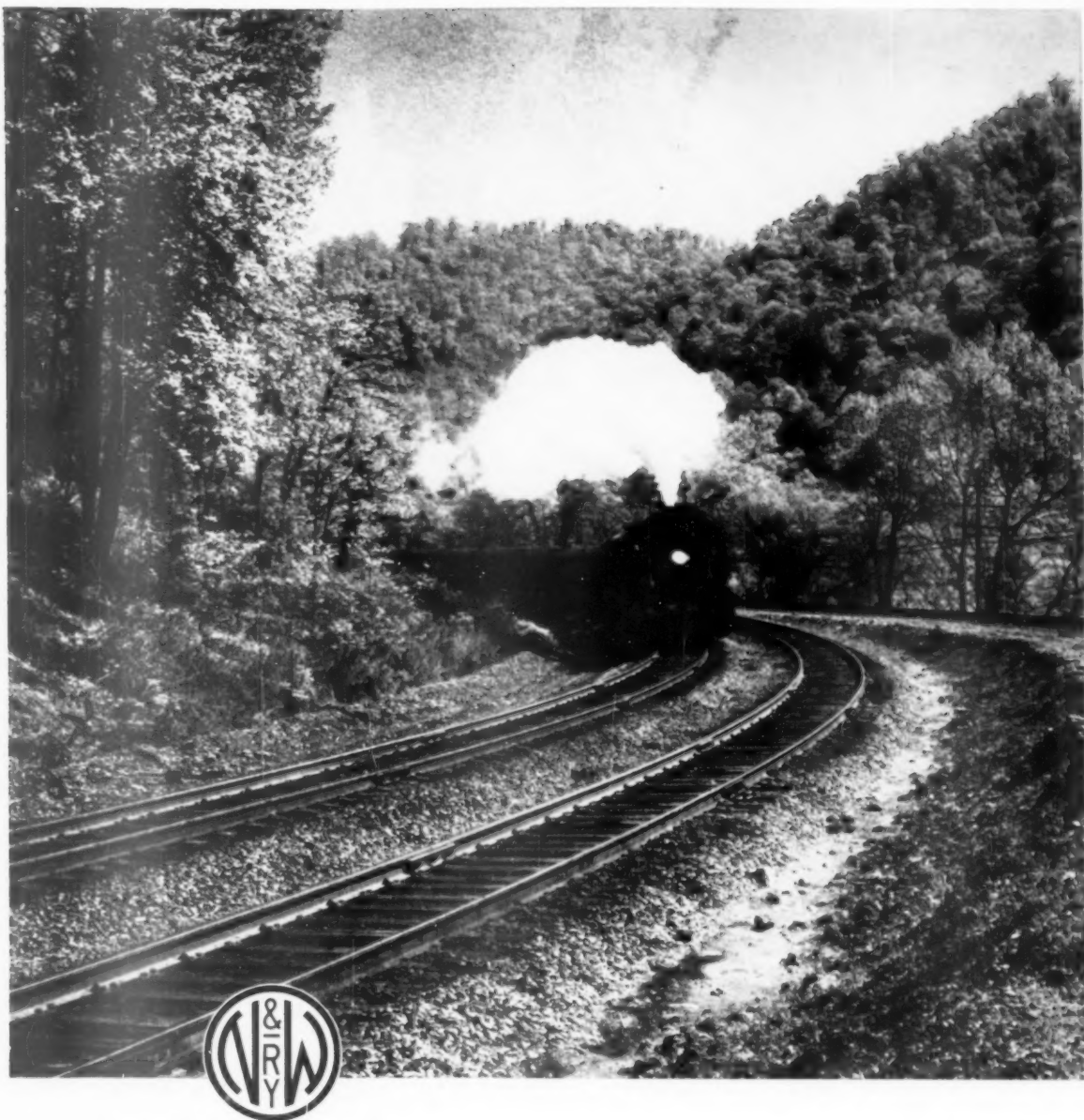
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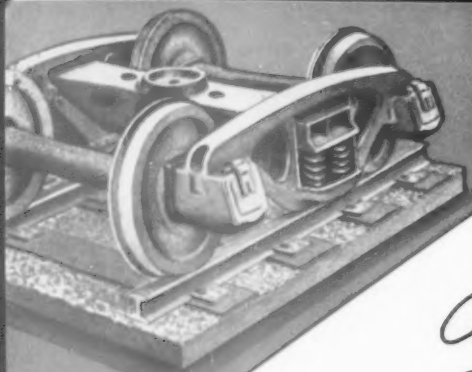
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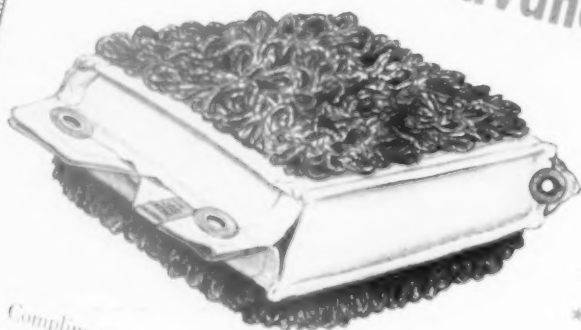


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## Road tolls to help N. J. RRs? .....p. 9

Under a plan put forward by Governor Meyner, up to \$680 million in surplus revenues from the New Jersey Turnpike would be spent to save the state's railroad commutation service.

## Webb favors rate freedom .....p.15

The ICC's newest member thinks substantial leeway to compete for traffic is essential to a healthy transportation system.

## Plastics upgrade Pennsy cars .....p.18

Over 300 coaches, parlor cars and diners will be rejuvenated by the end of the year, PRR says in announcing appropriation of an additional \$1 million for passenger equipment.

## Cover Story—This container stops damage .....p.23

Here's how a fishyback-piggyback shipment traveled 4,500 miles with no damage to the lading. A Santa Fe flat car equipped with Pullman-Standard's special cushioning device was used for the overland part of the trip.

## Cover Story—'Crutch' carries crippled cars .....p.26

The inexpensive device, developed by the Southern Pacific, minimizes delays when anything happens to interfere with a car's rollability.

## Cover Story—Lubricator pads today and tomorrow .....p.32

How well are journal lubricators doing the job for which they were designed? To find out, Railway Age asked three railroads: the L&N, the N&W and the PRR.

## Dial phones save money for D&H .....p.38

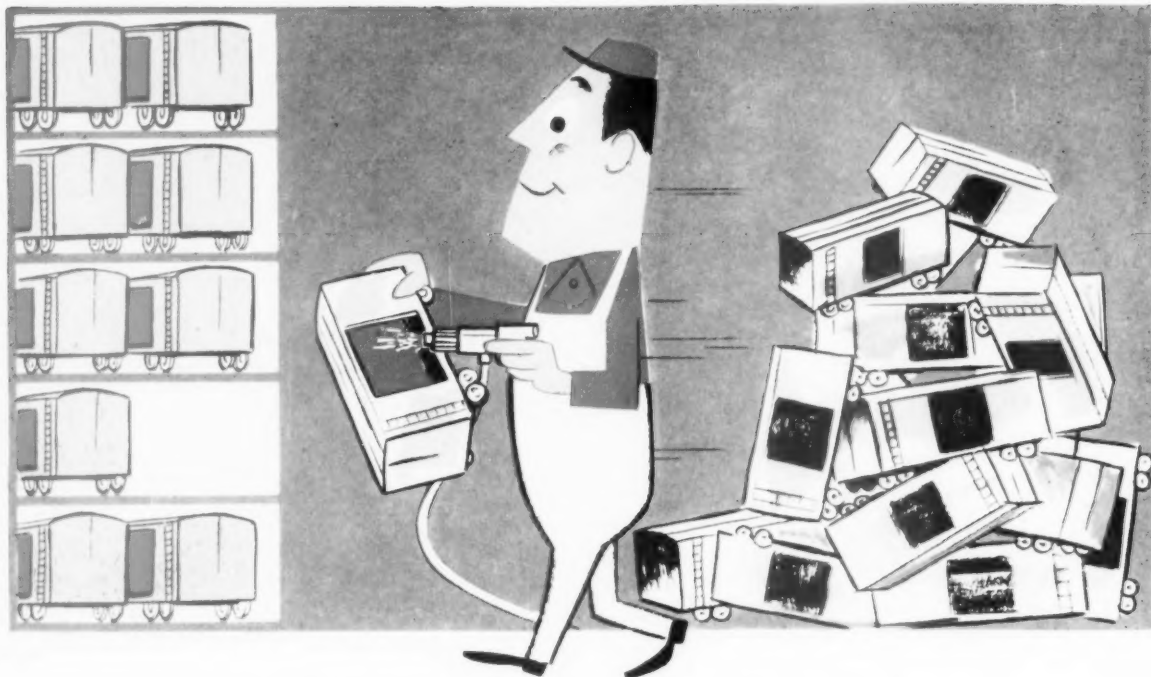
The fully automatic telephone system includes 10 dial exchanges with lines to all the railroad's offices. It provides around-the-clock service.

## Germany likes concrete ties .....p.43

Ten types of concrete ties have been tested there in the past 10 years. Present production, however, has standardized on a single design, available in two lengths.

## Per diem bill clears committee .....p.59

A Senate group has favorably reported an "incentive" measure supported by railroads that want a higher car-rental charge.



## Here is how many railroads are beating the boxcar shortage

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## Week at a Glance CONT.

### Current Statistics

Operating revenue	
4 mos., 1959	\$3,246,567,038
4 mos., 1958	2,984,176,169
Operating expenses	
4 mos., 1959	2,561,979,109
4 mos., 1958	2,484,072,291
Taxes	
4 mos., 1959	342,591,970
4 mos., 1958	279,958,086
Net railway operating income	
4 mos., 1959	237,231,017
4 mos., 1958	122,162,247
Net income, estimated	
4 mos., 1959	161,500,000
4 mos., 1958	48,000,000
Average price railroad stocks	
June 16, 1959	108.85
June 17, 1958	78.74
Carloadings revenue freight	
Twenty-three wks., '59	14,023,002
Twenty-three wks., '58	12,426,235
Freight cars on order	
June 1, 1959	36,869
June 1, 1958	30,386
Freight cars delivered	
5 mos., 1959	14,322
5 mos., 1958	27,138

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### Locomotive inspection intervals set .....p.62

The ICC has conceded that inspections at each crew-change point "would interfere with the flexibility of railroad operation" without any gain in safety, and has accordingly revised its requirements.

### The Action Page—Mr. Walrath clarifies the issue .....p.74

It is clear, says the commissioner, that the ICC cannot hold rates on one mode of carriage to an artificial level to protect the rate structure of another. It will be a milestone in the railroads' progress to a greater degree of freedom when this interpretation of the law is formally conceded by the Commission.

### Short and Significant

#### Carrier and union conference committees . . .

will begin negotiations July 15 on the rules demands made last year by organizations affiliated with the RLEA (all unions except the BLE and ORC&B). Conference committee negotiations on the BMW's stabilization of employment demands will be resumed June 30. Talks began June 2, were recessed June 11.

#### Nickel Plate is the newest member . . .

of the Trailer Train Co. NKP joined 12 other railroads—and a freight forwarder—as owners of the piggyback flat car pool.

#### President Eisenhower's appointment . . .

of John J. Allen, Jr., as undersecretary of commerce for transportation, has cleared the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The committee voted last week to report the nomination favorably to the Senate.

#### Cotton Belt passenger service . . .

will now continue beyond July 1. The ICC has suspended the road's abandonment notice while it investigates the proposal. The notice announced the road's plan to discontinue on July 1 the only regular passenger trains it now operates—Nos. 7 and 8 between St. Louis, Mo., and Pine Bluff, Ark.

#### Increased mail pay for western railroads . . .

has been approved by the ICC. The increase, agreed to by the Post Office Department, will raise present rates an average of about 5.6% and yield additional revenue of about \$7.2 million a year.

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# Road Tolls to Help N.J. RRs?

New proposal by Gov. Meyner, if approved by legislature, voters and Turnpike bondholders, could provide up to \$680 million in next 30 years to cut rail taxes, improve commuter facilities.

► **The Story at a Glance:** Surplus revenues from New Jersey's financially successful toll Turnpike may be used to insure continuance and improvement of commutation service on New Jersey railroads.

A proposal to that effect, if approved, might make as much as \$680 million available between now and 1988 for reduction of railroad taxes and, presumably, for improvement of existing rail facilities, including purchase of new equipment.

But implementation of the plan will require:

- Approval of the state legislature, the voters (at a statewide referendum), and Turnpike bondholders; and

- Some assurance by the railroads of willingness to continue to provide suburban passenger services.

In a dramatic proposal, made public last week, New Jersey Governor Robert B. Meyner suggested that surplus revenues from the state's toll Turnpike highway be used to aid the shrinking and deficit-ridden commuter services of New Jersey railroads.

Should the governor's plan become an actuality, it could conceivably make available, for railroad tax relief and new rail facilities and equipment, as much as \$50 million this year or next, and an additional \$630 million between now and 1988. The money would be taken from surplus revenues of the New Jersey Turnpike, a heavily-traveled toll highway extending from points opposite New York City on the Jersey side of the Hudson river to Philadelphia and a point roughly opposite Wilmington, Del., on the Jersey side of the Delaware river.

Initial objective of the governor's plan, as he announced it, would be "to reduce and revise" the \$18-million real estate tax burden borne annually by New Jersey railroads—much the heaviest tax load, on a mileage basis, assessed against railroads by any state. A possible secondary objective would

be help for the carriers in purchase of new passenger equipment, and perhaps in consolidation of facilities with a view toward more efficient and more economical operation.

Before the plan can be implemented, however, it must be approved by the state legislature; by state voters, in a referendum, and by holders of two-thirds of the \$430 million of outstanding Turnpike bonds. The governor has announced that he would ask the legislature to meet in August to consider the bills necessary to put the plan into effect, and also to authorize a statewide referendum which would be submitted to the voters in November.

As outlined, the plan would leave Turnpike bondholders with a first lien on all revenues from the highway, and give them the added protection of a state guarantee on the bonds. In the light of those facts, the plan has been found both legally and financially prac-

ticable by New York law firms and investment houses, and has reportedly been approved by members of the Turnpike Authority, managing body for the toll road.

The funds which would thus be made available for railroad purposes would come from a reported surplus already accumulated by the Turnpike, plus estimated future surpluses ranging from an anticipated \$11 million in 1960 to higher figures in future years, up to 1988, when the last Turnpike bonds are due to mature.

Governor Meyner, in announcing his plan, pointed out profits from the Turnpike would exceed the annual tax bill of New Jersey railroads by 1965. He added, however, that relief from all railroad taxation would be "on condition of pledges on the part of all railroads for continuance and improvement of all essential commuter services." He indicated also that, to the

## Antitrust Probe Moves to EMD

The Justice Department's antitrust inquiry into the activities of General Motors is moving into the Electro-Motive Division.

A number of railroads have been asked to give pertinent information to a federal grand jury in New York. Reportedly, the grand jury is asking each railroad:

- The percentage of its traffic the road has obtained from GM since 1946.

- The percentage of the road's total purchases of locomotives, parts and maintenance from GM.

Some reports say that as many as three dozen railroads are being subpoenaed. Among roads which reportedly have been served are the PRR, New York Central, New Haven, Lackawanna, Wabash, Katy, Missouri Pacific, Texas & Pacific, Louisville & Nashville, Milwaukee, and Burlington.

The information is to be submitted

by the end of this month—although some doubt that it can be prepared on such short notice.

No comment on the reported extension of the inquiry to EMD was immediately forthcoming from GM.

[As one motive power officer observed last week, a lot of things affect a railroad's purchases of motive power. In addition to quality considerations, some roads tend to standardize on one builder's product, he pointed out, because it simplifies maintenance and servicing work and reduces inventory problems. At various times during the past decade, however, other factors have been important to purchasing—as this SMP pointed out. During Korea, for example, a combination of steel shortages and heavy purchase orders stretched out delivery time for most builders. During this period, railroads often placed orders where they had the best chance for fast delivery.]

extent to which railroad taxes may be reduced or eliminated, local municipalities would be reimbursed for their loss from surplus Turnpike funds.

The plan would apply both to north Jersey commuter territory near New York and to the south Jersey suburban zone around Philadelphia and Camden. Railroads likely to be affected in the northern part of the state would include the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; Erie; Hudson & Manhattan; Jersey Central; Lehigh Valley; New York, Susquehanna & Western; Pennsylvania; New York & Long Branch (jointly owned by the CNJ and PRR); and possibly the New York Central (West Shore). South Jersey roads would include the PRR; the Reading; and their jointly-owned Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines.

In recent years, the commutation problem has become particularly acute in the northern part of the state. There, despite successive fare increases and drastic service cuts, the railroads in general have been unable to keep up with high taxes; competition from publicly-financed highways, tunnels, bridges and bus terminals; and changing pat-

terns of population and business.

Lackawanna President P. M. Shoemaker said the Meyner plan "appears to be a constructive development." "If," he added, "it becomes encouraging as a reality for implementation before our Dec. 1 tax date, and substantially reduces taxes, and is cooperatively accepted by the municipalities involved, the Lackawanna will not need to consider in the near future any further reduction in New Jersey suburban passenger train service beyond its present case before the Board of Public Utility Commissioners [for discontinuance of a limited number of main line and Montclair branch trains]. If this step is followed promptly by a long-range solution of the commutation problem and by establishment of a realistic transportation policy by the state, there is indeed hope for the people of New Jersey."

E. T. Moore, president of the Jersey Central, said:

"Any steps designed to make railroad taxation more equitable as compared with taxes on other forms of transportation are of course long past due. To the extent that this plan ac-

complishes this purpose, it will have come not a moment too soon. Further, it seems to me entirely logical to use available funds to assure continuation of rail commuter service. By so doing the state will be using available funds to buy the most transportation for the fewest dollars. By helping to preserve rail transportation for commuters, we will be avoiding the enormously more expensive alternative of supplying enough additional highways to get them to and from their work."

Like Mr. Shoemaker, Herman T. Stichman, trustee of the Hudson & Manhattan, said the basic problem calls for a "long-range, fundamental solution." The governor's program, he declared, "will give temporary relief to the railroads, but won't help the commuter. It merely subsidizes a type of service that commuters are leaving in favor of highway transport, which can give them an uninterrupted ride from home to office." Thus, in Mr. Stichman's opinion, any final solution to the New York area commuter problem requires some physical connection between New Jersey railroads and the New York transit system.

## Watching Washington *with Walter Taft*

• **MORE EMPLOYEE ACCIDENTS** may have to be reported by the railroads. That's the objective of a bill, S.1964, which is scheduled for hearing this week before the Senate Commerce Committee's Surface Transportation Subcommittee. Railroads oppose the proposed legislation which is supported by the Railway Labor Executives' Association.

**THE BILL**, was introduced in the aftermath of a controversy over ICC reporting rules. These rules were changed in 1957 to confine reportable employee casualties to those related to railroad operations. Presumably, the Commission thinks that's all the present law requires.

**THE CHANGES** came out of recommendations by members of the Commission's staff who had conferred with representatives of the railroads. There were two changes. One, effective Jan. 1, 1957, reduced quite substantially the number of reportable accidents. The other, effective September 1, 1957, brought the reporting requirements a little way back toward the pre-1957 basis.

**RLA WANTS** to get all the way back—and more. The bill would accomplish that. It would deprive the Commission of the discretion it now has to determine what are reportable accidents. It would require reporting of "all" accidents and "any" injury, and eliminate the present law's provision which says reporting shall be "under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Commission."

**THE ONLY RULES** the Commission could then make would relate to forms and procedures for filing the required reports. The bill assures that by saying flatly that nothing in the reporting act shall be deemed to authorize the Commission to limit the reports "in any way."

**CONFINEMENT** to accidents related to railroad operations is not the only feature of the present rules which affords relief from reporting. They also provide that an injury to an employee on duty is reportable only if it incapacitates him for more than three days. Other accidents are reportable if they result in fatalities, or incapacitate persons other than employees on duty for more than one day, or cause damage to rail property of more than \$750.

• **FIRST INTRASTATE CASE** under the 1958 Transportation Act's service-abandonment provisions is now before the ICC. Examiner Lester R. Conley has made a proposed report recommending that the Northern Pacific be authorized to drop passenger-train services on its Carrington-Turtle Lake and Oberon-Esmond branches. It was more than four years ago—back in May 1955—that NP began its unsuccessful attempt to obtain such abandonment authority from North Dakota.

**COMMISSION DISCLAIMER** of authority to impose job-protection conditions in interstate train-off cases was relied upon by the examiner to dispose of that issue. He recommends a like interpretation of the act's intrastate-service provisions.



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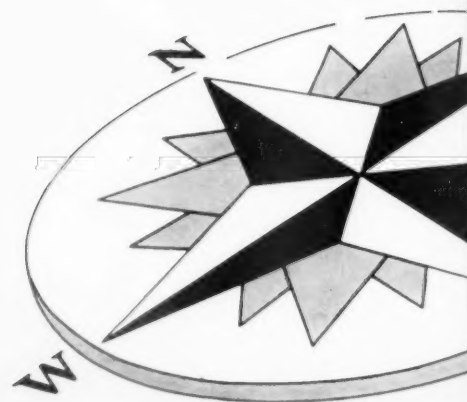
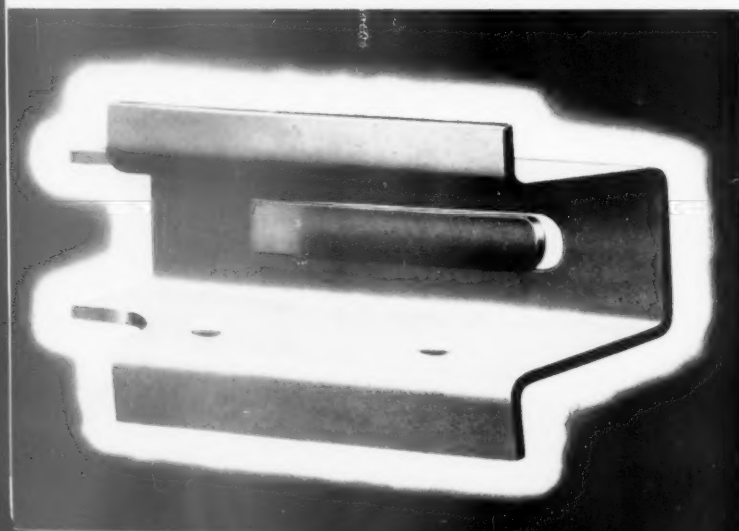


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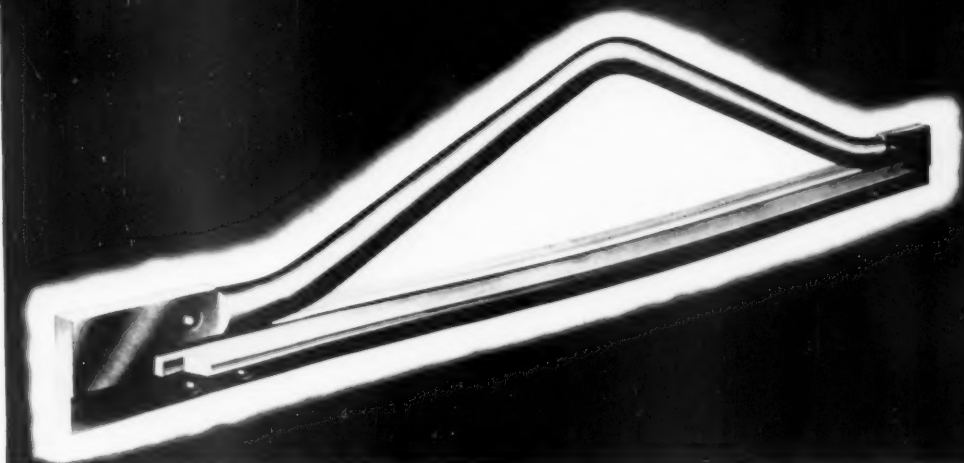
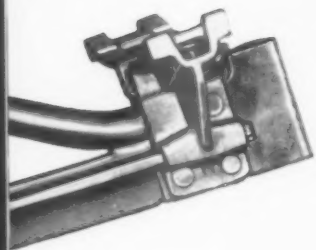


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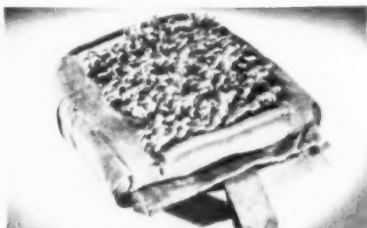
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# Webb Favors Rate Freedom

The ICC's newest member, Commissioner Charles A. Webb, last week took a strong stand in favor of rate-making freedom. He said substantial leeway to compete for traffic is the "most important" of all ingredients which make up a sound national transportation system.

The commissioner avoided specific discussion of the 1958 Transportation Act's rate-freedom provisions, which await further Commission interpretation in pending cases. At the same time, he expressed his personal opinion that neither these provisions, nor any other section of the Interstate Commerce Act, are rendered nugatory by the "broad generalities" found in the declaration of policy. Railroads and others have complained from time to time that the Commission turns to the declaration of policy to find a basis for decisions (including competitive rate decisions) which could not be bottomed on substantive provisions of the act.

Mr. Webb criticized certain "unhealthy" attitudes of shippers—advocacy of subsidized transport, and support of "too many" applications for new truck-operating rights. Meanwhile, he advised shippers to promote standardization of piggyback equipment, and urged them to support proposed legislation which would permit the Commission to impose penalty and incentive per diem rates and thus use the rental charge to promote buying and efficient utilization of freight cars.

Commissioner Webb offered his comment on rate freedom and his advice to shippers in a June 17 address before the Ohio Valley Transportation Advisory Board in Huntington, W. Va.

As to rate freedom, he thinks shippers have been generally right in demanding "hard" competition. He also thinks that, in this connection, they have been "generally more perceptive than the carriers, the Congress and the Commission."

Public transportation would suffer "irreparable damage" if regulation were directed toward "preventing any carrier from getting hurt," Mr. Webb said, adding:

"Private carriage would continue to grow by leaps and bounds. Shippers would be denied the savings to which they are entitled, because the inherent advantages of competing modes of transportation can be weighed accurately only on the scales of fair competition. And, finally, I do not think the Interstate Commerce Commission has the time, the manpower,

or the wisdom to allocate 'fair shares' of traffic; or to peg millions of rates at precisely the right level to assure precisely the right amount of revenue for thousands of carriers."

In expressing his view that the transportation policy cannot become a basis for decisions, Mr. Webb called the declaration "a statement of high aspirations," related to the act as the preamble is to the body of the Constitution.

"Any judge who attempted to find in the phrase, 'To insure domestic tranquility,' a source of legislative, executive, or judicial power would be justly and widely criticized. It would be said that he was either too lazy to base his decision on legal grounds or that he was using the preamble to mask his personal predilections."

On the subsidy matter, Mr. Webb is "repulsed," as he put it, "by the sight of a business man who opposes federal subsidies in general but who works actively for projects which require taxpayers to shoulder a part of his transportation costs."

The ICC, the commissioner warned, "cannot preserve the inherent advantages of competing modes of transportation by fair and impartial regulation if their inherent economic advantages

are subverted by unfair promotional policies."

For this, Mr. Webb doesn't blame Congress—because "I know the pressures which are applied by some local chambers of commerce and by other part-time defenders of the free-enterprise system." He finds it "most encouraging" that Congress "has the courage to undertake a study of user charges in the transportation field." Such a study is on the agenda of the Senate Commerce Committee's so-called S. Res. 29 investigation, which is not yet under way.

The long-run outlook for shippers, as seen by Mr. Webb, is that they will get "the kind of transportation they deserve, which may or may not be the kind they want." To make the latter coincide with what is deserved "depends primarily on self-restraint; that is, on the ability of shippers to subordinate certain short-term economic advantages to long-range national transportation objectives." He explained:

"Destructive competition, like subsidized transportation facilities, produces temporary benefits for shippers. The tendency of each, however, is to produce a less competitive and more costly transportation system."



## Gyro-Glide Monorail Proposed

The Gyro-Glide monorail transit system now being developed by the Northrop Corp., Norair Division, Hawthorne, Calif., has been offered as a possible solution to traffic problems confronting Los Angeles and other metropolitan areas. This system, which is expected to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 per mile, would utilize freeways and other existing rights of way. It features a unique propulsion and gyro-stabilization unit and requires

no trolley or third rail between stations. Heart of the unit is a 1,000-lb inertial flywheel. Set in motion by a station power source, the flywheel whirls at high speed, turning a generator which provides current for the traction motors until the next station stop. On long runs, the flywheel can pick up new energy from sections of powered rail along the route without stopping. While the train is in motion, the flywheel also acts as an anti-sway gyroscope.

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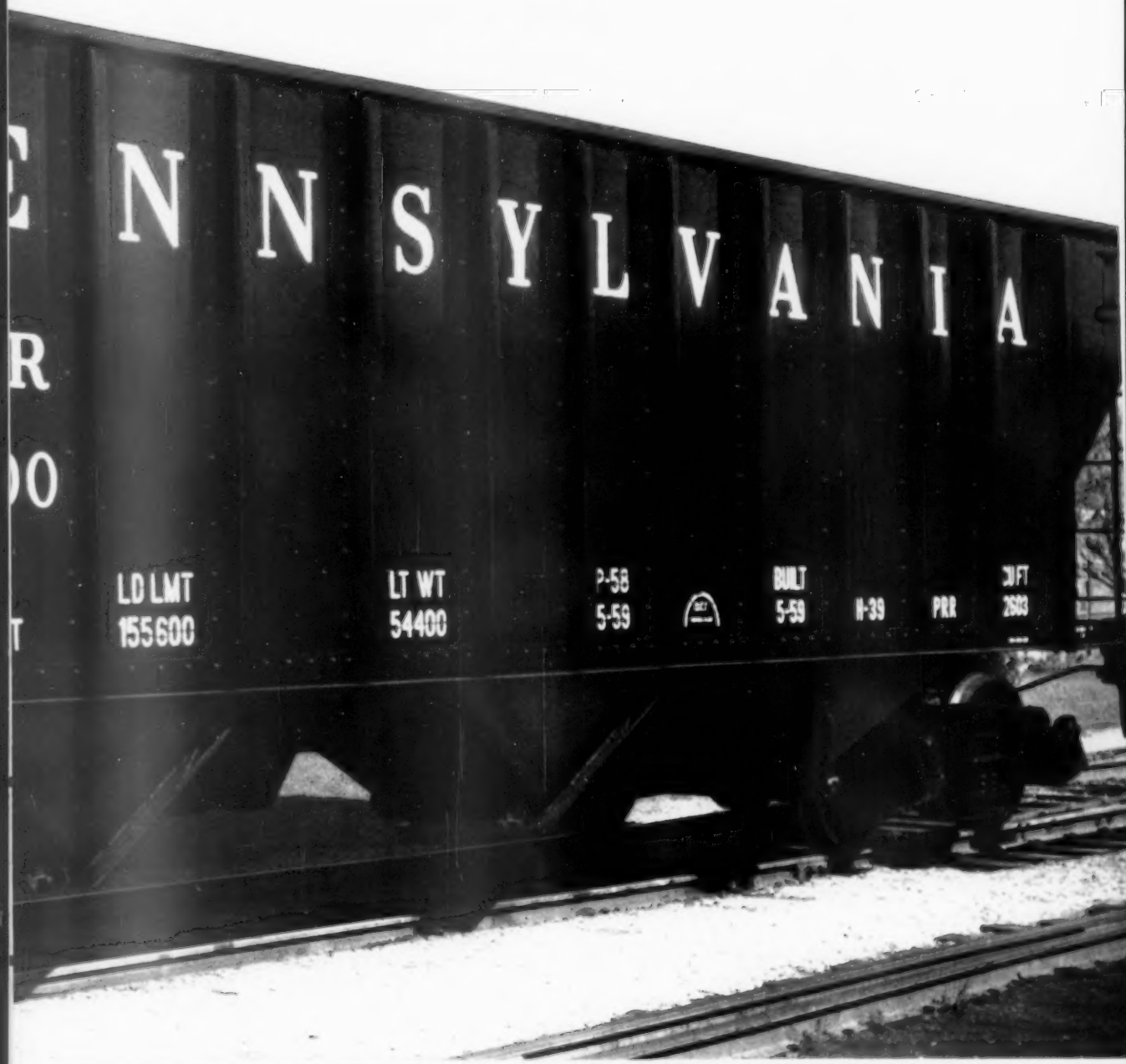
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# Plastics Upgrade Pennsy Cars

With a new appropriation of \$1 million nearly doubling the sum originally available for passenger equipment improvement this year, PRR is looking to new plastic materials for a quick return on costs.



1

Scaled-unit windows are removed, repaired as necessary, and replaced. New seals will keep windows from fogging.

2

Vinyl plastic floor covering will be installed on some coaches. The plastic tile is long-lived, easy to clean.



3

Pennsylvania stencil is renewed before car is returned to service. Completely overhauled car is like new again.



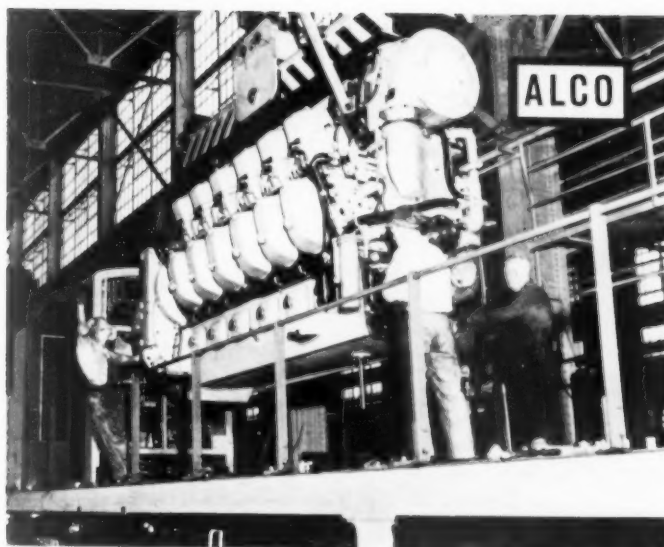
► **The Story at a Glance:** Completely renewed coaches, parlor cars and diners at the rate of 40 a month will be coming out of PRR shops for the rest of the year. About half the cars will get a complete overhaul at Altoona; the rest need only light repairs at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to bring them to peak condition. Twenty-four coaches will get a complete restyling for easier maintenance, including automotive-type seat covers, vinyl plastic floor tiles, and new washable plastic paints that can be sprayed on and will not chip or scratch. The complete overhaul includes air conditioning and heating systems, seats, doors and windows, and reconditioning of wheels and trucks.

The Pennsy's expanded improvement program will cover about a quarter of the road's fleet of coaches and diners by the end of this year. In addition, 22 lightweight parlor cars from the "Congressional" are coming up for redecoration. All told, the 1959 program will include 270 coaches, 22 parlor cars and 25 diners.

The cars involved are either modern or modernized equipment. "The cars we have scheduled for this program are those that need repairs the most," says Harry M. Wood, assistant chief mechanical officer in charge of car maintenance.

Many of the new materials to be used in refurbishing interiors are new in railroad application, according to PRR Art Director Alfred C. Strasser. Interior paints, for example, are a new two-tone plastic type that can be sprayed on steel, glass, ceramics and other materials. Small pieces of contrasting pigment suspended in the basic color give a two-tone effect in one spraying over an undercoat. Once on, the paint is exceedingly durable. Washable, it can even be scrubbed with steel wool.

On some cars, PRR is installing seat covers similar to those used on autos. These can be removed and replaced from stock while a car is being cleaned. The old covers can then be repaired at leisure without taking the car out of service. The seat covers and new vinyl plastic floor tiles carry out one of four different color schemes—red, blue, green or brown—of the paint.



POWER-ASSEMBLY INSPECTION REPORTS

FROM MAJOR RAILROADS REVEAL:

**top-deck overhaul  
period lengthened to  
three years, even four,  
with ALCO 251 diesel**

# TESTS PROVE WEAR-RESISTANCE

**RAILROAD A: After 168,500 heavy-duty freight miles in 31 months, inspection shows only slight wear to ALCO 251 engine**

An ALCO DL-701 locomotive with the 251 diesel was checked for the first time after 31 months of heavy, slow-speed freight service and an accumulation of 168,500 miles. Engine was standard twelve-cylinder 251 with oil-bath, air-intake filter on the turbocharger.

**RING WEAR** (Compression-ring gap clearance)—Maximum of all rings was 35% of permissible wear. The average for #1 rings was found to be less than 25% of permissible wear. The #2 rings averaged 14% wear. The #3 rings averaged 10%.

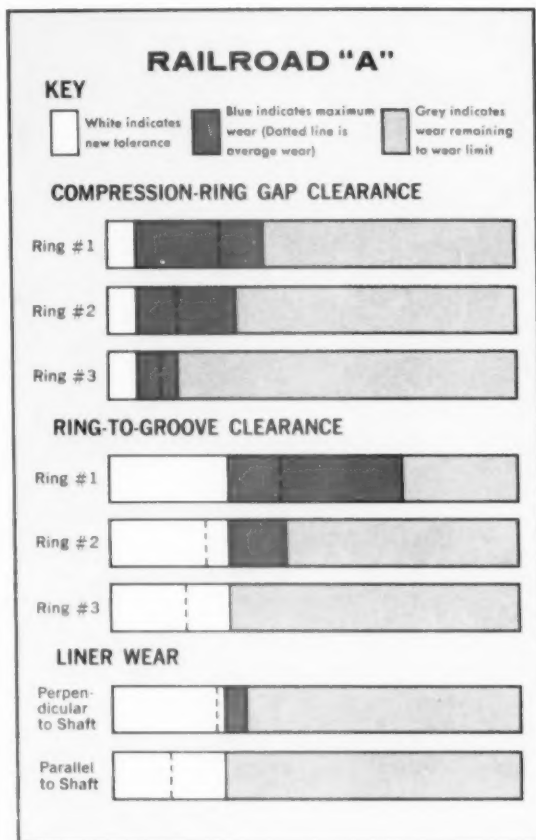
**PISTON AND RING WEAR** (Compression-ring-to-groove clearance)—Of the #1 rings: one had 65% wear, another 60%, while the rest showed less than 50% wear. The #2 rings were all within 0.001 in. of new tolerance range. The #3 rings were all well within new tolerance range.

**LINER WEAR** (Out-of-roundness)—Four liners showed 22% of allowable wear from base diameter. All the other eight measured less.

**OTHER ITEMS** Crankpins and journals: no wear. Main and connecting rod bearings: none worn through the overlay. Wrist pins and bushings: all reused. Valve and valve seats: only slight wear. Gears: no measurable wear. Camshafts: no wear. Water pump: no leakage and only normal wear. Water side of block and liner: no marks, no leakage. Fuel pumps and nozzles: all good.

## CONCLUSION:

Another three years of operation can be expected with no rechroming or machining needed on pistons or liners; bearings should last at least another year, heads and valves the same. Whether a 3-6 year or 4-8 year overhaul cycle will be established on this railroad depends on results of 18-month inspection.



## WHAT FOUR OTHER MAJOR ROADS FOUND OUT ABOUT ALCO 251 RELIABILITY

**NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD C**—Two ALCO 251 engines were checked after 32 months of service with an average of 5,000 to 6,000 freight miles per month. Only one head has been removed to date. No work other than this has had to be done. A 40-month top-deck inspection is planned.

**EAST-CENTRAL RAILROAD D**—Ten ALCO 251 engines (nine, 20 months old; one, 36 months old) are being used for high-speed freight service, averaging about 8,000 miles per month. At 33 months, a check on the 36-month engine found all components very good. No maintenance has been required on any of the others. Next check point is to be at the 40-month mark.

**EASTERN RAILROAD E**—Fifteen ALCO DL-701's, 33 months old doing heavy-duty freight service, averaging 6,000 to 7,000 miles per month. One operated briefly without cooling water, and an inspection showed that all cylinder assembly material was suitable for re-use. This railroad says "ALCO's new engine can take it."

**EAST-CENTRAL RAILROAD F**—With 38 DL-701's and 25 DL-702's ranging from 14 months to 30 months in high-speed freight service; and six DL-600B's now 30 months old . . . the railroad has set up a three-year maintenance schedule for all, based on the excellent running record of the units to date.



# SUPERIORITY OF 251 DIESEL

**ALCO**

## RAILROAD B: Light repair and cleaning puts ALCO 251 diesel back into service after hauling freight 262,000 miles in 34 months

A top-deck inspection was made by this railroad after the ALCO DL-701 locomotive with a 251 engine had been in operation 34 months and 262,000 miles. Its job had been hauling heavy, high-speed freight. The engine was the standard twelve-cylinder 251, equipped with panel-type, air-intake filters.

**RING WEAR** (Compression-ring gap clearance)—Of the #1 rings: one had reached wear limit and one was close to it; but three were only 80% worn and the remaining ones 70% or less. All of the #2 rings showed less than 50% wear with the average around 35%. The #3 rings were less than 20% worn.

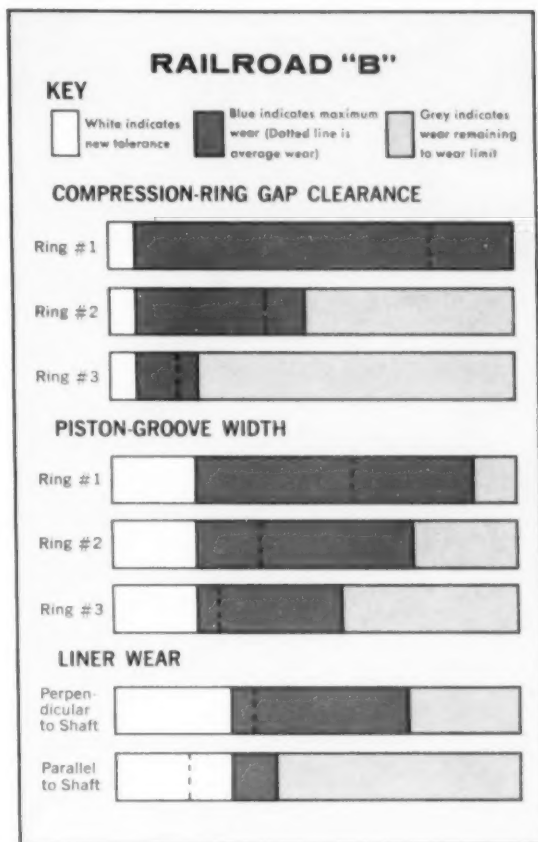
**PISTON GROOVE WEAR** (Piston-groove width)—Two of the pistons checked showed groove-width increases of 85% of permissible allowance on the top groove. Average for all pistons showed less than 50% wear had taken place.

**LINER WEAR** (Out-of-roundness)—Only one showed as much as 67% of permissible wear; five were still within the tolerance range of brand new cylinders.

**OTHER ITEMS**—Crankshaft: no wear. Main and connecting rod bearings: no wear. Wrist pins and bushings: no wear. Valves and valve seats: good condition. Gears: still had original shaving marks at teeth ends. Camshafts: good condition. Water side of block and liner: in excellent condition and lower liner fits all good.

### CONCLUSION:

The engine could have operated another year before top-deck overhaul, with the exception of the top compression ring on several cylinders. It would be possible to rebuild the engine with all but one of the original liners and all but four of the original pistons and expect *at least three additional years of operation* before another top deck overhaul. This railroad is still weighing the relative advantages of a three- or four-year overhaul period.



### WHAT THESE FINDINGS MEAN TO YOU:

The ALCO 251 has been in railroad service only 3 years, but these results establish its superiority over competitive engines with 18-24 month overhaul schedules. The inspections prove the 251 can go *at least 3 years*—and more in most cases—without power-assembly change.

Lengthened overhaul schedules are made possible because of the ALCO engine's advanced thermal engineering and basic simplicity of design. Parts refinements like hard chrome-plated liners, Ni-resist

ring-groove inserts on pistons, stellite valve-seat inserts—all contribute to the engine's improved reliability.

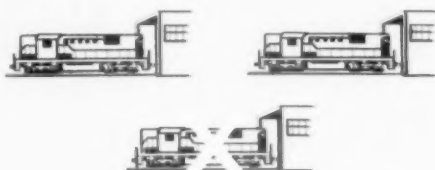
The railroads, reported on here, proved for themselves the wear-resistance superiority of the 251. As a result, they are now establishing cost-saving shopping schedules and maintenance programs for their fleets of 251 diesels. Yet, even these present schedules may be extended as additional reports of trouble-free service become available.

## MAINTENANCE SAVINGS OF ALCO 251 DIESEL, PLUS LOWER FUEL CONSUMPTION, MEAN 25-35% REDUCTION IN OPERATING COSTS

### 1. FEWER OVERHAULS

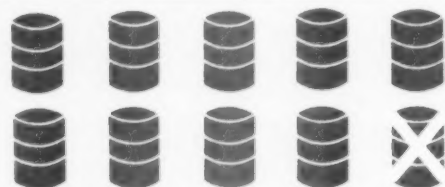
The ALCO 251 36-month overhaul period eliminates one top-deck overhaul in three, as compared to competitive locomotives. You save through . . .

- lower direct parts and labor cost
- reduced maintenance overhead
- increased locomotive availability



### 2. LOWER FUEL CONSUMPTION

Railroads' own tests have proved that the ALCO 251 diesel consumes at least 10 per cent less fuel than competitive engines.



### 3. LOWER LUBE-OIL CONSUMPTION

Similar railroad tests indicate lube-oil consumption of 251 can amount to 40 per cent less than competitive makes.



**TOTAL SAVING:** 25 to 35 per cent in operating costs, or almost **\$10,000 PER ENGINE PER YEAR**

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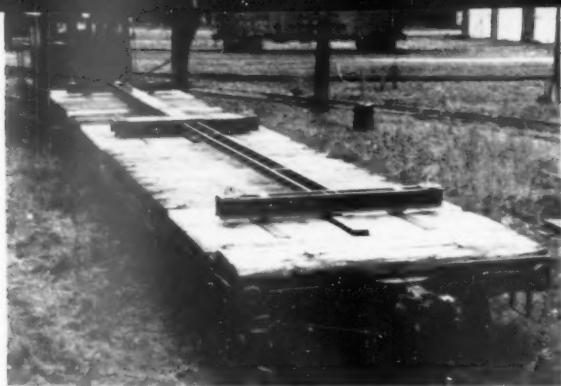
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## This Container Stops Damage

Car-mounted cushion design protects rail-haul portion of combined fishyback-piggyback pineapple shipment, Hawaii to Chicago.

Twenty-one hundred cases of canned pineapple recently moved more than 4,500 miles by fishyback and piggyback—and not a can was damaged.

Matson Navigation Company and Santa Fe handled the haul from Hawaii to Alameda, Calif., to Chicago. The cargo, loaded in two aluminum containers built by Trailmobile, rode a Matson freighter across the Pacific. A Santa Fe 60-ft flat car equipped with Pullman-Standard's special cushioning device was used for the overland part of the trip. The containers were lifted directly from ship to flat car at Alameda.

The experimental move illustrated the compatibility of ship-rail container movement. The same hold-down devices on the container operated both on shipboard and on the flat car.

The new type containers with end doors—they're also designed for side-door loading—are 24 ft long, 8 ft wide and 8½ ft high. This size is currently used in sea transport by Matson.

The cushioning device consists of a frame which rides on rollers on the deck of the car. Its maximum cushion travel is 30 in. in either direction from normal position. The containers are supported at each corner with the same cone-shaped supports used aboard ship. Pins inserted through the cones lock the containers in place.

Pairs of tracks are applied to the car deck at the center and at each end for the rollers to ride on. A guide between each pair of tracks restrains the frame from lateral or vertical motion and

permits only the lengthwise motion necessary for the cushioning action.

Near the center of the car are two vertical lugs spaced about 90 in. apart and fastened to the center sill of the car. Horizontal lugs, spaced the same distance apart as the vertical lugs and at the same location, are applied inside the center channels of the rolling frame.

When the car is impacted, the vertical lugs transmit the impact through a hydraulic cushion unit spaced between the horizontal lugs into the rolling frame. The shock experienced by the car is transformed into rolling action on the frame.

The cushion unit consists of a cylinder with a tapered metering pin and a piston arrangement. It generates an approximately constant force during compression, and has a tendency to utilize its full travel at any impact

speed. A preloaded steel compression spring is placed around the cushion. After the frame reaches maximum displacement, the return spring has sufficient energy to roll it back to center.

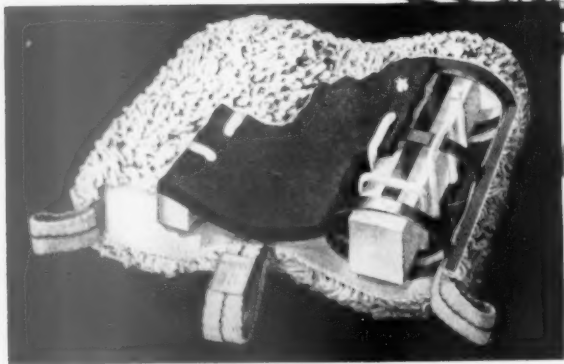
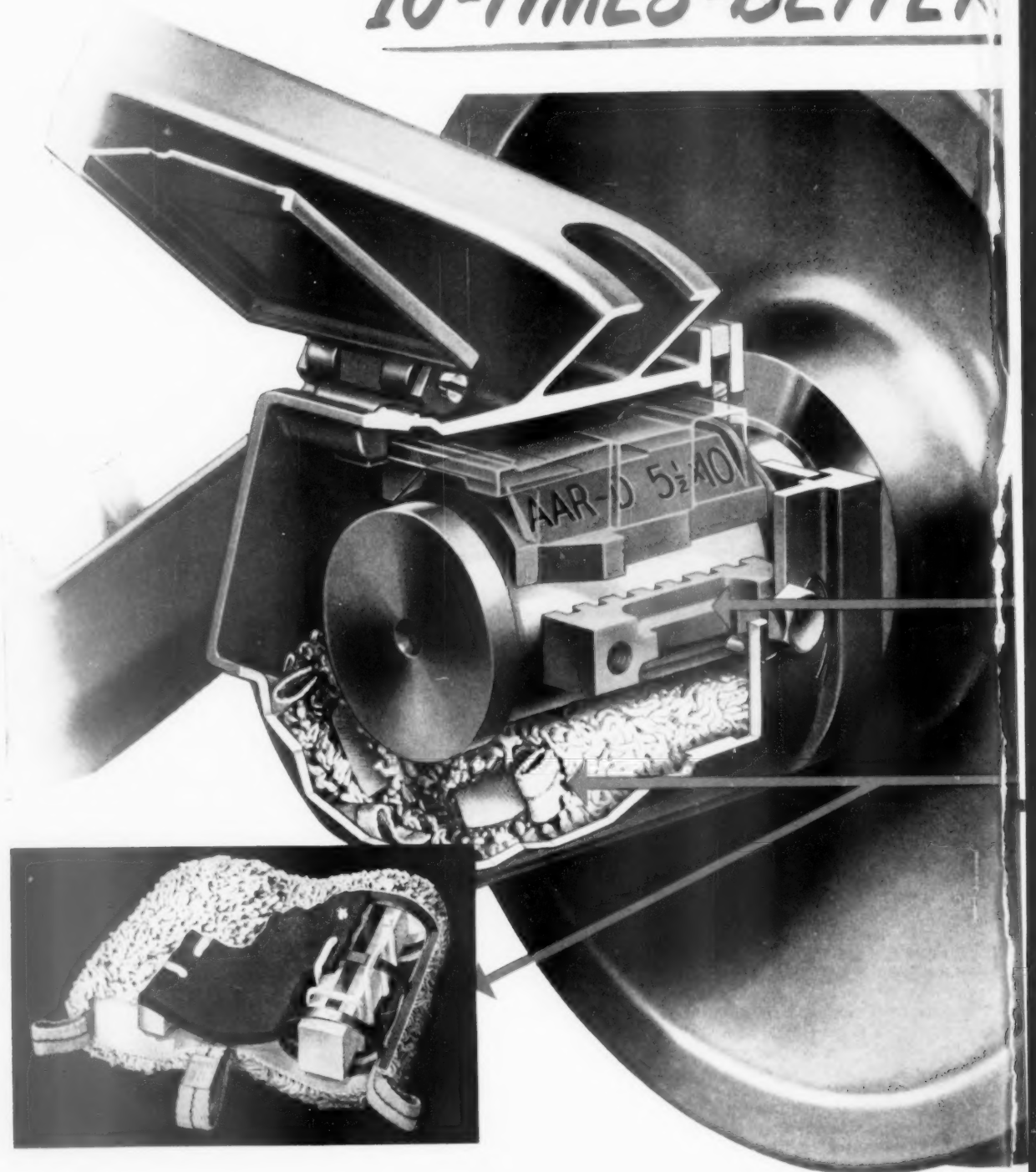
Impact tests made at Corwith yards pointed up the efficient action of the cushioning device. At 6 mph there was 25-in. frame travel, and at 8 mph, 27½-in. travel. In both cases, a recorder inside the container at the rear showed an acceleration of less than 1 mph. Pullman-Standard's research and development department is developing further applications of the cushioning principle for other type cars.

The cases of pineapple, packed by Libby, McNeill and Libby's Pineapple Division plant in Honolulu, were stacked throughout the containers without bulkhead separators. There were no bulkheads at the end doors.



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## 'Crutch' Carries Crippled Cars

Southern Pacific skid moves disabled cars with minimum delay; eliminates need for calling relief crew and crane.

The Southern Pacific has come up with an inexpensive solution to a difficult problem.

The problem was how to minimize delays in moving cars which sustain broken wheels, burned-off journals, or anything else interfering with their rollability.

SP's answer is to use a steel skid placed between the rail and a bad-order truck, and cross-chained to the truck sides. The device will negotiate curves and go through self-guarded frogs, crossings and turnouts without difficulty.

A crippled car can be moved as part of a regular train, even when coupled into the middle, for distances up to 25 miles.

The entire installation can usually be made by two men in less than an hour. The original model was developed on the SP's Texas and Louisiana lines. It was so successful that 16 copies without modification are now in system use.

The device costs about \$53 to construct, is made of scrap parts, requires

no maintenance, and does not wear out with normal use.

"It's one of those items we hope we don't have to use," say SP officers, "but it sure comes in handy when we need it."

The skid is made from an 8-ft steel channel, on the under side of which are welded two short pieces of scrap wheel in standard gage. The hollow channel is filled out by inserting a tapered 6 by 8 tie on which the car weight rests.

Before the skid was devised, it was frequently necessary to call out the relief outfit, with its rail-mounted crane, to install an emergency truck. In some situations, a tie or short piece of rail was improvised as a skid on which the car could slide for a short distance. This method was time-consuming and not satisfactory. It could result in derailments, particularly when it was necessary to slide the car over such things as frogs and turnouts.

In a typical application of the skid, a division point is notified by radio or telephone when a crippled car is spotted. If practical, a special truck

equipped with a 100,000-lb winch is dispatched to lift one end of the car. If the location is inaccessible to the special truck, the car is raised by hydraulic jacks or an A frame.

The skid is set on the rail in gage, under the truck side frame and between the truck frame and the bad-order wheel and axle. The tapered timber side is against the truck side frame. It is secured by fastening chains with load binders around the journal boxes or truck side frames, whichever is more convenient.

Two 1-gallon oil cans, filled with car oil, are fastened to the truck side frames or on each side of the car. A hose attached to each can discharges the lubricant onto the rails immediately ahead of the skid.

"Much of the credit for the success of the skid—in trimming hours off the time it takes to clear the main line in derailments—is due to the work of the individual division wrecking crews," says J. W. Corbett, SP's vice president of system operations. "They're the ones who make this thing work."



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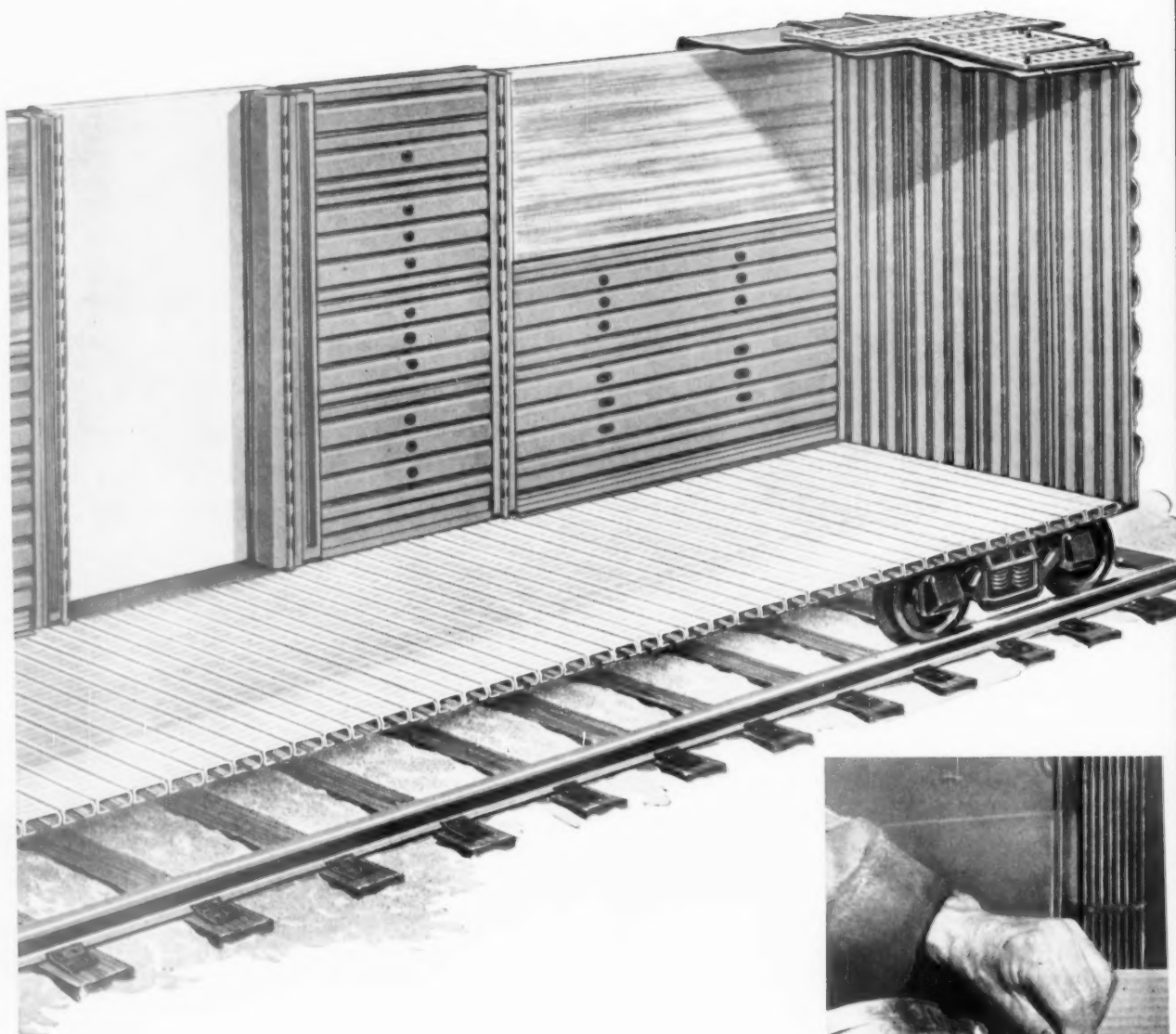


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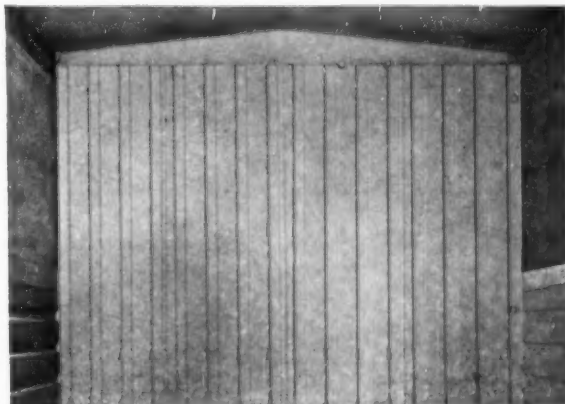
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# Lubricators Today and

How well are journal lubricators doing the job for which they were designed?

To find the answer, Railway Age asked three railroads, the Louisville & Nashville, Norfolk & Western and the Pennsylvania for comparative data showing pad and waste performance. These roads were selected because it was known that they maintained accurate records.

Mechanical department officers of these roads were also asked for their opinions on lubricators and possible future steps to be taken in combatting the mechanical department's No. 1 problem, the hotbox.

Over 600,000 freight cars are equipped with journal lubricating devices. They have been applied in compliance with the AAR Mechanical Division's 1956 mandate that all cars with plain bearings in interchange be so equip-

ped by January 1, 1960. With only approximately 30% of the freight-car fleet now meeting this requirement, it is a foregone conclusion that the effective date in Paragraph (j) (3) of Interchange Rule 3 will be extended at the Division's annual meeting this week.

There are some who question the value of lubricator pads. Certainly, AAR hotbox statistics for the past winter might very well be used to back up their judgment. The overall hotbox performance was the poorest in recent years.

But there are many factors besides lubrication that contribute to hotboxes. For this reason, it is believed that a more accurate appraisal of the relative merits of lubricators and waste packing can be made by a study of an individual railroad's comparative data. It is reasonable to assume that approximately the same attention would

be given to both pad- and waste-equipped cars on each road.

Another important point that should not be overlooked is the fact that the data presented here include the performance of 25 different pads during the periods covered by the reports. AAR approval has been withdrawn from several of these pads because of sub-standard performance. As indicated by the spokesmen, the three roads and undoubtedly all roads will eventually restrict applications to possibly four or five pads producing the best records on their respective roads.

Here are the answers given by the three railroads to the questions we asked:

## Q. Are you satisfied with lubricator pad performance?

L&N—We are not satisfied because we continue to have hot boxes. However, our pad performance is consistently better than waste packing by a 5 to 1 ratio.

N&W—No. We believe better performance will be obtained as improvements are made in pad design and materials. Ultimately, we may have pads that will give four years of service. Depending on costs, it may be an economic possibility to scrap pads that have this service life rather than attempt to renovate them.

PRR—We are not satisfied with lubricator performance but we are reasonably satisfied with lubricator progress.

## Q. Will you standardize on a few pads?

L&N—Yes. We hope to do so after gaining more experience. We now have 16 different pads in service. We will continue to try out new types that show promise.

N&W—Yes. Probably on 4 or 5 pads. But we will continue to test new designs as they become available.

PRR—We will probably standardize on four or five pads. But we will continue testing new designs.

← **NORFOLK & WESTERN** leads field in lubricator application with 85.5 per cent of cars equipped.





# Tomorrow on Three Roads

**Q. Are journal stops essential for good results?**

**L&N**—Yes, some kind of control is necessary. The movement of the journal should be restricted to get good results. With 600 cars equipped with pads and stops in 9,736 car months we only had one hot box.

**N&W**—Control of journal move-

ment is necessary to protect the back seal. We have tested flat back controlled clearance 160-deg bearings with 50-in. wedges on 100 new 70-ton hopper cars to determine if the greater contact area will prevent movement of the journal relative to the box and protect the back seal. Results have been promising enough so that we plan to continue testing by equipping 1,000 new 70-ton hopper cars with this bear-

ing. The bearings are of pre-war length. Lid seals and several types of rear seals will be applied.

**PRR**—Stops are valuable. But we believe that greatest return on investment is obtained by application of pads. We can apply approximately three car sets of pads for cost of one car set of pads and stops. The next step may be the application of journal

## CUMULATIVE HOT-BOX PERFORMANCE

LUBRICATOR*	N&W Cars on N&W Lines			PRR Cars on PRR Lines		
	40 Months—Jan. 1956 through April 1959			28 Months—Jan. 1957 through April 1959		
	CAR SETS IN SERVICE APRIL, 1959	NO. HOT BOXES	MILES PER HOT BOX	CAR SETS IN SERVICE APRIL, 1959	NO. HOT BOXES	MILES PER HOT BOX
1	19,143	43	7,001,246	16,382	40	2,958,314
2	6,699	11	6,062,755	2,574	21	1,080,694
3	239	1	4,627,238	221	0	2,748,268
4	1,511	3	4,611,931			
5	10,551	77	3,572,845	12,027	25	1,984,842
6	2,431	8	2,929,759	199	0	1,337,917
7	120	1	2,692,611	104	1	1,906,733
8	256	1	2,040,321	498	10	311,885
9	1,000	1	1,749,664	489	0	721,341
10	8,761	56	1,673,413	3,825	92	748,420
11	475	107	1,636,506	2,482	186	427,447
12	243	3	1,372,094	510	0	1,102,924
13	306	0	.....	194	0	2,245,013
14	770	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	250	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	421	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	.....	.....	.....	600	29	318,749
18	.....	.....	.....	185	14	186,190
19	.....	.....	.....	477	0	449,962
All Pads	53,176	318	3,066,032	40,767	418	887,227
Waste	.....	695	1,018,531	.....	31,315	150,903

\*Numbers have been assigned to specific lubricators listed in data furnished. They do not indicate order of preference.

# CUMULATIVE HOT-BOX PERFORMANCE

45 Months—Aug. 1955 through Apr. 1959 on L&N Cars

19 Months—Oct. 1957 through Apr. 1959 on NC&StL Cars

LUBRICATOR	CAR SETS IN SERVICE		Hot Boxes		
	MAY 1, 1959	CAR MONTHS	TOTAL CAR MONTHS	PER 100 CAR MONTHS	PER 54,000 CAR MONTHS
1.....	10,863	221,465	178	.080	44.82
1*.....	25	775			
2.....	11,232	210,982	180	.085	43.20
2*.....	250	3,496			
3.....	4,274	70,053	92	.131	70.74
4.....	298	1,067			
5.....	5,616	131,165	109	.083	44.82
6.....	1,055	14,997	9	.060	32.40
7.....	635	19,399	21	.108	58.32
9.....	591	849			
10.....	263	9,446	14	.148	79.92
10*.....	25	775			
11.....	109	4,500	5	.111	59.94
11*.....	25	775			
12.....	2,430	45,003	75	.167	90.18
12*.....	250	3,740	1	.027	14.58
13.....	1	3			
14.....	596	1,118	1	.089	48.06
16.....	142	142			
19.....	433	1,261			
20.....	10	320	1	.313	169.02
21.....	1	34			
22.....	3,043	51,424	141	.274	147.96
23*.....	25	775			
24**.....	2	50			
25**.....	1	24			
26.....	1,568	20,003	19	.095	51.30
27.....	84	1,569	4	.255	137.70
28**.....	1	13			
Total Package Lubricators	43,848	815,223	850	.104	56.16
Total Waste Pack	18,351	2,058,178	10,555	.513	277.02

\*With journal stop

\*\*Cartridge bearings

stops or some means for control of journal movement.

**Q. Are pads an intermediate measure in the solution of the hotbox problem?**

L&N—Yes. There is a place for roller and sleeve bearings, particularly if they can go a longer period without attention. Roller bearings should go at least four years to agree with C.O.T.&S. [Cleaning, Oiling, Testing and Stenciling] on cars. The ultimate objective would be the application of bearings that require checking only at intervals when the car would have to be shopped for other periodical attention.

N&W—Yes. In order to further improve journal performance, a bearing is needed that is of a better design, more dependable in operation, and that will go for longer periods without servicing. Ultimately, this may lead to roller or sleeve bearings.

PRR—Yes. Next step will be an improvement in the journal box assembly. Railroads are not in a position to finance the application of roller bearings to all cars. Sleeve bearings are close to roller bearings in cost.

**Q. What are you doing about seals and oil loss?**

L&N—We will not spend money on seals that are supposed to be leak-proof. If a seal is developed that will pass AAR lab tests we will service test it.

N&W—To date we have not found a satisfactory back seal. Control of journal movement relative to the box is essential. Without this protection probably no seal can give satisfactory performance. The oil loss situation has improved since the 1 2-in. oil level was adopted.

PRR—No good seal of reasonable cost is available. We consider cost of oil loss is minor if 1 2-in. oil level is maintained.

**Q. How do you renovate lubricator pads?**

L&N—We use the services of an outside supplier. Ripped pads are sewn. Pads that can not be reclaimed are scrapped.

N&W—We renovate pads at three

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# 'We Didn't Make Much Headway'

You take one step forward, and slide two steps backward. That's the way government treatment of the railroads looks to G. A. MacNamara, Soo Line president. Here, in part, is what he said at a meeting of the New York Society of Security Analysts on June 5:

"The Transportation Act of 1958 was passed by both houses of Congress by an overwhelming majority. It provided, among other things, a more realistic approach to the discontinuance of no-longer-needed services and greater freedom in setting prices for services performed. In the very next Congress (within an eyelash of the very same Congress) legislation is enacted that would add to our federal tax burden through increased payroll taxes to support increased payments under Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Compensation, thus taking away a

large portion of the monetary benefits provided through the 1958 Transportation Act.

"In connection with the Transportation Act of 1958, the Soo Line has received orders from the Interstate Commerce Commission providing for the discontinuance of two pairs of secondary passenger trains which will result in a saving of out-of-pocket losses of approximately \$200,000 annually . . .

"In contemplation of the greater freedom permitted by the legislation as it affected the pricing of railroad services, the Soo Line proposed the first 'guaranteed rate' in the United States in an effort to meet unregulated water competition . . . The ICC suspended the rate proposal [which] has become a test case to determine the right of American railroads to establish the guaranteed type of rate, which, if ap-

proved, will become a valuable tool for use in meeting our competition, particularly of the unregulated variety," Mr. MacNamara continued.

"We are, therefore, faced with this paradox. On the one hand, pursuant to ICC approval, we will save approximately \$200,000 annually in out-of-pocket costs by having discontinued little-patronized passenger trains and we have attempted to improve revenues by proposing a compensatory guaranteed rate that would attract competitive traffic back to the rails. On the other hand, the guaranteed rate proposal has been suspended by the Commission and we find ourselves burdened with a further payroll tax increase, authorized by Congress, that will cost the Soo Line an additional \$422,000 per annum.

"We didn't make much headway there!"

## Letters from Readers

### 'Equitable Taxation'

Hinsdale, Ill.

To the Editor:

On your question of how to get equitable taxation [Action Page, RA, March 16] this might be added: If a substitute, or common denominator, tax were to be applied to all forms of transportation alike, probably it would have to be a tax on income because there is no other obvious suitable basis.

Taxes on gross income of all interstate segments of the transportation industry would necessarily be collected by the federal government, which would distribute to each state its share of the taxes, in order to insure uniformity. This, of course, would be an innovation calling for new legislation.

Hugh G. Dugan

Marion, Ohio

To the Editor:

I am heartily in accord with your suggestion that railroad companies be given some relief from the almost \$400 million they are called upon to pay in state and local taxes, whereas competing agencies of transportation pay little or no comparable taxes since most of the property such agencies use is government owned. Your suggestion that

all transportation property be exempted from taxation and that a substitute tax be imposed on the gross revenue of all transportation agencies seems to me a fair alternative.

E. J. Robisch  
Superintendent  
Erie Railroad

### Stabilizing Jobs

Auburndale, Mass.

To the Editor:

The experienced personnel employed by the railroads today represent a valuable and costly investment to management. Therefore, as my solution to the current question of job stabilization, I suggest there be no new hiring, and no layoffs of men with over two years' (24 R.R.B. months) railroad service. Exceptions to the hiring policy would be supervisory and salaried personnel; retiring of men laid off with less than the 24 months; and seasonal help (like that employed in Florida during the winter months) who would not acquire seniority on roads where they were seasonally employed.

When forces in certain departments are reduced, arrangements would be made to provide temporary or zone work in other departments,

with some sort of 40-hour week guarantee, for those with 24 months or more service. Men could (and if laid off would) be required to freely transfer from one department to another where a shortage of help existed.

I am willing to bet that the greatest objections to this idea would come from the unions, which, of course, want as many dues-paying members as they can get.

Walter Walker, Jr.  
Towerman, New Haven

### Good-Neighbor Railroad

New York

To the Editor:

You ought to get the attached clipping into the record.

James K. Miller

[The clipping Mr. Miller enclosed told about a New Haven commuter at New York who got a telephone message that his house in Westport, Conn., was burning down. He hurried to Grand Central Terminal, where the New Haven put him on the 1 p.m. "Yankee Clipper"—which made an unscheduled stop at Westport to let him off. His family was safe and the fire out when he arrived, but the NH's cooperation spared him anxiety.—Editor]

# Featherbedding: As the Press Sees It

**With near unanimity, the nation's press has rallied to the support of the railroads in their fight to eliminate featherbedding. Hundreds of newspapers in every state in the union—along with numerous periodicals—have expressed opinions on the subject. Here are some of them.**

► Feathers begin to fly nowadays when you mention "featherbedding" to a railroad brotherhood man. That is progress. It has long been time for railroad men—management and labor—to face squarely and in public the problem of featherbedding. It ought to be embarrassing to both.

—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

► In finally making a public issue of such flagrant featherbedding, the Association of American Railroads is performing a public service. Its success or failure will be watched with interest by many an industry plagued by the same troubles—construction, trucking, and printing, to name three.

—Fortune

► Labor featherbeds exist thanks to the power the government allowed unions to amass. Government has made few featherbeds for vice presidents. A railroad management has been deprived of the right to say how many men are needed to run a diesel engine. But it can fire all its vice presidents if it thinks that is to the good of the company.

—Springfield (Mass.) Union

► [AAR President Daniel P. Loomis] is serving notice that when contracts expire in October, the industry is going to cut down featherbedding even if it means a railroad strike. The industry's determination deserves the public's support. Next only to remaining free and honest, the most important problem for U.S. labor is to remain the most productive labor in the world.

—Life

► How long can the railroads provide jobs and give Americans the kind of transportation service the nation must have if, in addition to being regulated and taxed to death by government, the industry must also be featherbedded and lobbied to death?

—Hot Springs (Ark.) Sentinel-Record

► This is a point which the unions should consider—whether they are killing the goose that lays the golden eggs by keeping the railroads loaded with unrealistic practices costing them half a billion dollars annually.

—Houston (Tex.) Post

► It's as much to the interest of railroad labor as it is to management's to see that the nation's railroads stay in business. If equitable improvement can be made, it certainly should be.

—Buffalo (N.Y.) Courier-Express

► If either the President, the brotherhoods or the people "are tired of hearing about railroad troubles," they would be wise to put aside their ennui and do something remedial about them—especially indefensible featherbedding.

—Staunton (Va.) Leader

► The fact of the matter is that for the railroads technological advances have been so great, effective competition has become so menacing that even the doubling of passenger and the quadrupling of freight productivity in 60 years are not enough to expect. And the margin of solvency for the railroads and of safety for the nation is too narrow to accommodate the luxury of vested and vestigial practices.

—Christian Science Monitor

► Labor leaders should be realistic enough to read the signs of the times and to shape their actions accordingly. Rights to jobs mean nothing if the jobs disappear.

—Utica (N. Y.) Press

► The railroad unions have a record of responsibility. The head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers says he will give serious consideration to the Loomis suggestions. It would be good for the industry, the unions and the country if needless costs can be cut through negotiation.

—Baltimore (Md.) News Post

► If this [featherbedding] foolishness affected only the carriers and their labor one might be inclined to allow them to remain in their folly, but the costs of this nonsense to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars annually is paid for by the general public.

—Grain & Feed Review

► The general public will have a big stake in the forthcoming featherbedding fight. In the final analysis, it is the consumer—John Q. Public—who pays this tribute to economic piggyback riders in the form of higher prices.

—Peru (Ind.) Tribune

► If carriers and brotherhoods can't settle the rules dispute in bargaining this fall, the issue by law must go to federal fact-finding. It would be far better for the parties to submit rules questions to an impartial panel before the pressures of bargaining build up, and to negotiate later on the basis of recommendations that result from a study of the pros and cons of today's work practices.

—Bismarck (N. D.) Tribune

► Both the brotherhoods and the public here in the U. S. stand only to gain by facing up to the fact that the railroads do have a problem and that a fair day's work in return for a fair day's pay will be an important step in re-establishing the financial stability of our basic transport.

—Parkersburg (W. Va.) News

► It is apparent that work rules designed to protect jobs have only succeeded in destroying them. Non-operating employees have been the chief victims of these rules, but trainmen themselves have also suffered heavily.

—Financial World

► You would think that the consciences of the firemen who tend no fires and the brakemen who tend no brakes would bother them at night. Both they and the unions which back them certainly are guilty of practices which contribute to inflation and moral decline.

—Topeka (Kan.) Capital

► If the railroads are to remain in private ownership, they cannot surrender management decisions to union leaders who, by the very nature of their positions, are required to fight for every make-work practice.

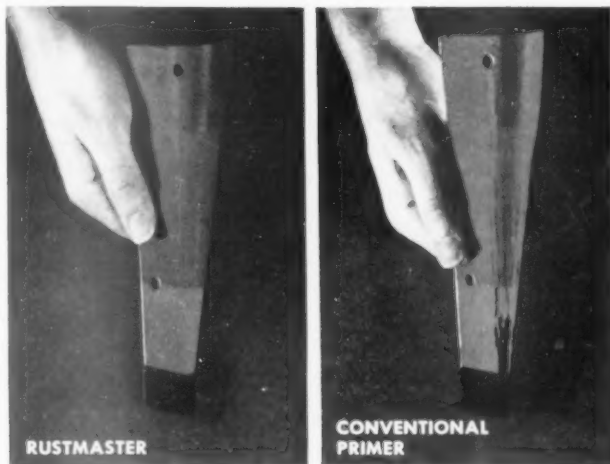
—Chicago (Ill.) Tribune

► It is better that the country suffer severe strikes and all of their inconveniences than to keep on piling up immoral, unsound and uneconomic practices, one on top of the other.

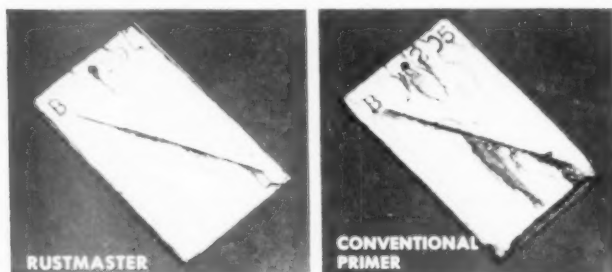
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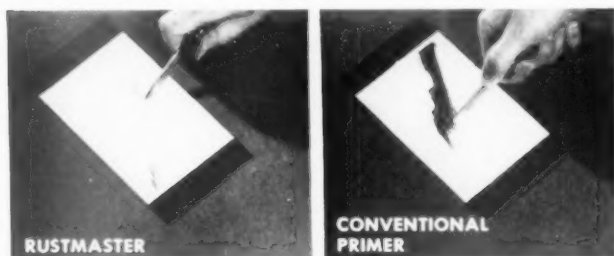
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**PROOF OF BETTER PROTECTION**—Primers were applied to rusted metal panels and exposed to weatherometer test for 1600 hours. Scraping of both panels with knife blade showed that conventional primer pigment remained on the surface of the rust. RUSTMASTER vehicle and anti-corrosive pigments were bound into the rust, proving deeper penetration, more protection.

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# Dial Phones Save D&H Money

Automatic telephone system includes 10 dial exchanges with lines to all railroad offices. Party lines have been established for smaller offices. The system provides around-the-clock service.

The Delaware & Hudson is saving time and money since it installed a fully automatic dial telephone system.

Time is saved because the system provides direct contact between employees having business with one another. It's quick and economical that way. Money is saved because toll charges have been drastically reduced. The telephone system's automatic dial PBX's provide dependable 24-hour daily phone service.

A dial PBX has been installed at each of 10 major towns and cities along the D&H. Each line connects to one or more dial telephones in an office. To reach the smaller offices, party lines were established with up to four parties on one line. All PBX's have sufficient capacity for expansion, if needed. The party line stations have code ringing and a reverting call arrangement.

The main feature of the dial telephone system is that it permits a man in one D&H office to dial directly any other railroad office. If, for example, the freight agent in Oneonta wants to call the freight agent at Plattsburg, he finds, from the railroad's telephone book, that the Plattsburg agent's phone number is 5492. He also finds that the three-digit code to make calls from Oneonta to Plattsburg is 564. To make his call, he dials 5645492. The first three digits (564) route his call through dial PBX's at Albany and Whitehall into the Plattsburg dial PBX. Calls from a party line off one exchange, to a party line station on another exchange, are made in similar manner.

The directing digits are required only for calls made through more than one exchange. All party line numbers have four digits. On any one party line, the first three digits are identical. The last digit is used to determine the code ringing, such as 1 short, 2 short, 1 long.

To make a call from one station on a party line to another station on the same line, the following procedure is used:

When the agent at Salem (7531) wants to call the agent at Cambridge (7535), the Salem agent picks up his handset and dials 7535. He receives a busy signal, then replaces his handset. The phone will ring with a succession of four short rings, a pause, then four more short rings, until the Cambridge agent answers. When he does, the ring-

ing will cease, at which time the Salem agent picks up his phone and begins talking. If the Cambridge agent does not answer within a reasonable length of time, the Salem agent momentarily lifts his handset and replaces it. This stops the ringing and releases the line. This method of handling calls between stations on the same party line is known as code ringing with a reverting call arrangement.

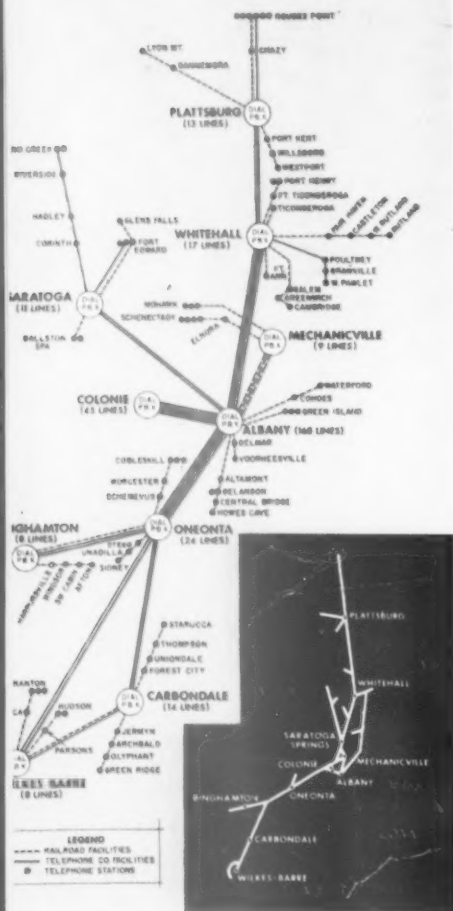
Circuits between the 10 D&H dial exchanges are for the most part leased from the Long Lines Department of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the New York Telephone Co. The D&H, however, has its own trunk between Binghamton and Oneonta, another between Wilkes-Barre and Carbondale, and three trunk circuits between Mechanicville and Albany.

For handling city calls into the D&H general offices in Albany, an existing two-position dial switchboard was replaced with new switchboard equipment. Indication lamps on the switchboard are lighted when a trunk circuit is in use. Counters register when all trunks between two exchanges are busy.

Twelve telephone companies, in addition to the AT&T, cooperated with the Delaware & Hudson to provide this fully automatic dial telephone system. The dial PBX's are leased from New York Telephone. Telephones are leased from the local companies in the areas in which they operate. Besides AT&T and New York Telephone, the cooperating companies are Ausable Valley Telephone Co., Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania, Champlain Telephone Co., Chazy Telephone Co., Chenango & Unadilla Telephone Co., Deposit Telephone Co., General Telephone Co. of Upstate New York, Middleburgh Telephone Co., New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., Northeastern Pennsylvania Telephone Co., and Westport, Essex & Lewis Telephone Co.

The planning and railroad work involved, such as transposing open wire circuits and running in leads, was directed and carried out by railroad signal and communications department men under the direction of V. G. O'Connor, general electrical inspector. The installation is under the jurisdiction of C. H. Tobin, superintendent of signals and communications.

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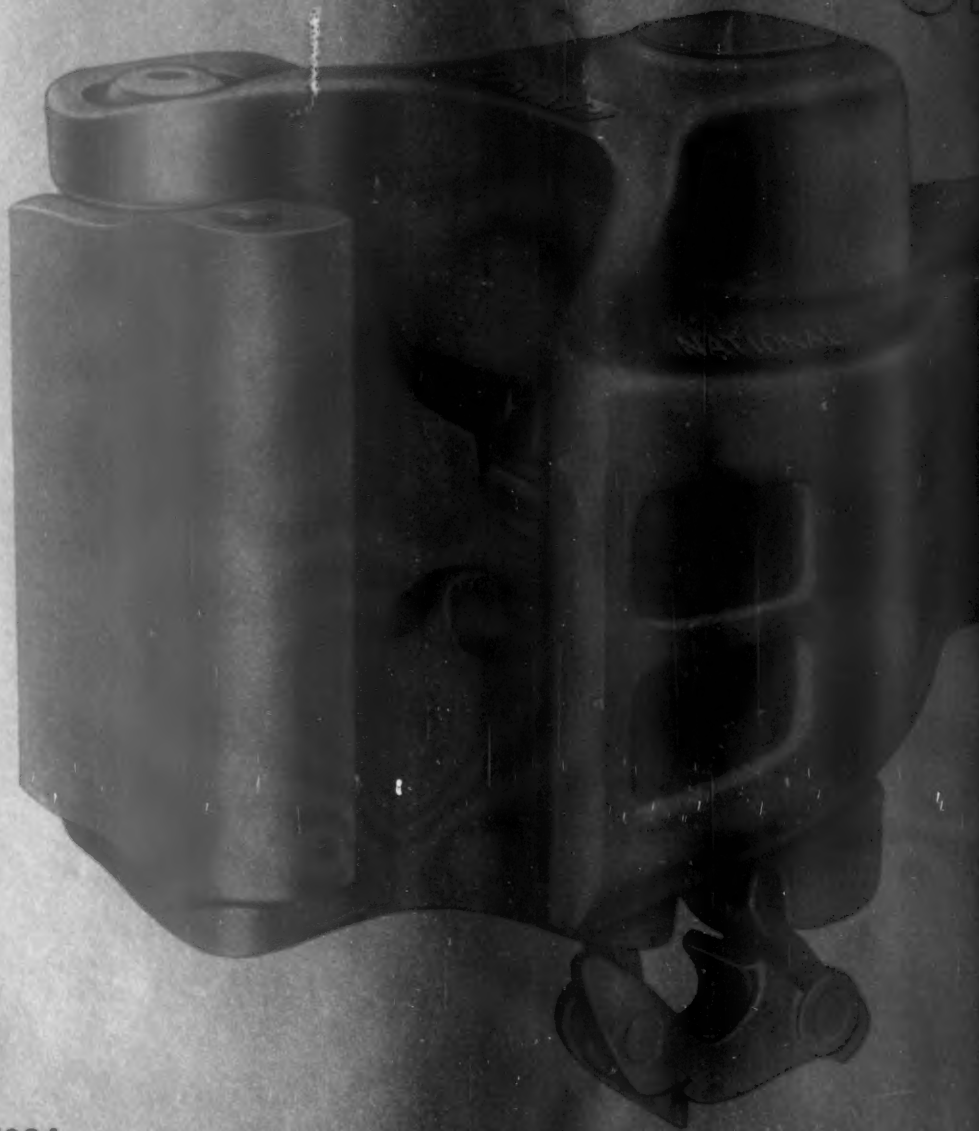


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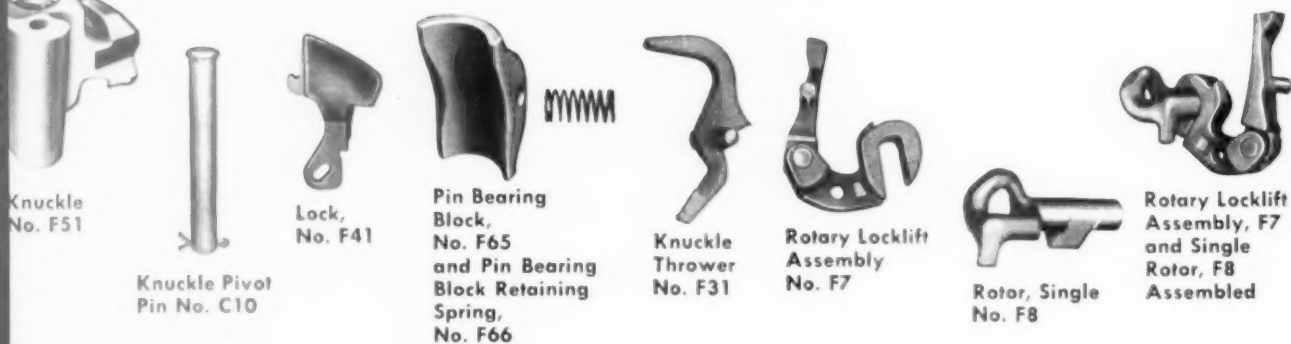
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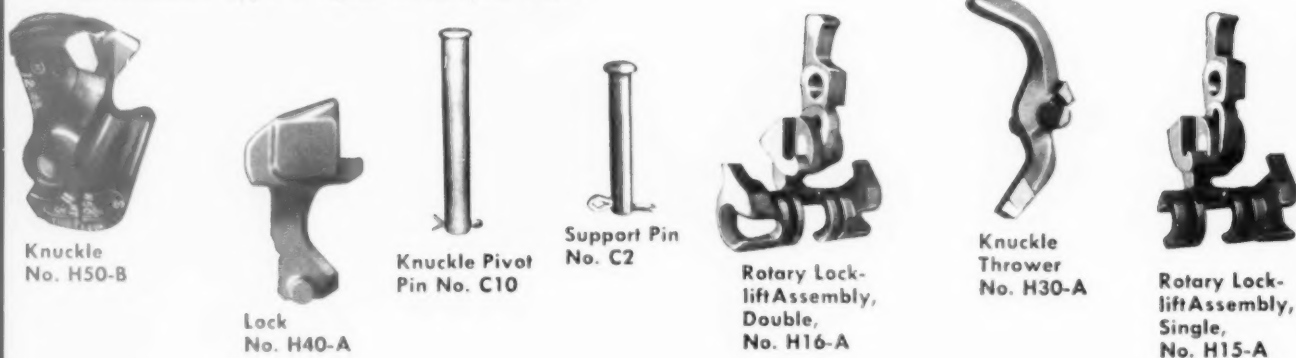
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# Germany Likes Concrete Ties

Concrete ties have been a technical possibility ever since the introduction of steel concrete at the end of the past century.

The numerous experiments with concrete ties that took place early in this century, though, were generally unsatisfactory, both in technical and economic respects. In spite of the reinforcement, the concrete could not as a rule stand the heavy dynamic stress of railroad traffic. Ties that were suitable in load-bearing respects could not compete with the low cost of timber and steel ties at the time.

In Germany, the situation underwent a fundamental change during World War II. First, the development of prestressed concrete opened up new technical opportunities. Secondly, the shortage of timber and steel forced the German railroads to look for substitute materials. For the time being, it was not necessary to take the factor of economics into account.

By 1943, studies indicated that several types of weakly reinforced ties were feasible, and 20,000 of these were put in service along with 3,000 steel-string concrete ties reinforced with highly prestressed steel wire. These ties have given excellent service, even under the greatest stress.

After the war ended, timber and steel continued in short supply, and development of the concrete ties continued. By the time the shortage of timber and steel eased, the economics of building materials had changed in favor of concrete. Post-war cost statistics showed that the concrete tie could now successfully compete with

By Dr. GERHARD SCHRAMM  
Track Advisor  
German Federal Railroad

the timber and steel ties in economic respects. In addition, the further development of prestressed concrete opened up new technical vistas. (The steel-string concrete ties, though technically satisfactory, were costly to produce and were dropped.)

About two years ago, the following requirements were formulated for planned production of between one and two million ties per year:

- Concrete ties must be suitable for heaviest operational stress (German Federal Railroads limit new materials to heavy traffic lines, use old material for lighter traffic areas).
- Ties must be produced by private enterprise (the federalized German railroads make it a policy to encourage private production of new industrial items).
- Tie production must be decentralized over the entire GFR territory. All ties are laid by fully mechanized means, so far as possible, and this requires smooth delivery of ties from plant stocks to installation space.
- Tie plants should be modest in size, since no funds would be available for the installation of costly plants.
- Ties must be inexpensive, so that economically, they are at least equal in service life to other types of ties.

Ten different types of ties have been tested in large numbers over the past ten years as part of the concrete tie program. All of these prestressed ties

have given satisfactory service.

The reinforcement used consisted of two to eight fillers of high-grade steels. At first, ties were produced both with and without compound effect. For the compound effect, the steel fillers were stressed in the form. Using this method, the form can be removed only after the concrete has become so solid that it takes up the prestress, and enough forms are required to last for the entire hardening process of the concrete.

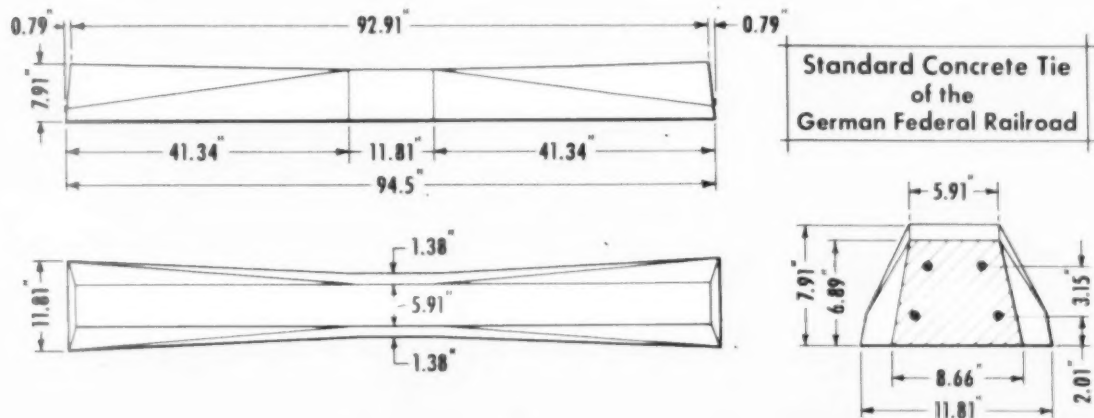
With the non-compound method, round steel fillers were surrounded by bitumen and were stressed after the concrete had hardened. With this method, relatively few forms were required. However, in service the non-compound type proved more sensitive to unusual overload than the compound type. If, for instance, the concrete in the center part of the tie is knocked out by a derailment, the prestress is lost for the entire length of the tie. For this reason, GFR discontinued using the non-compound type.

At present, all production is in a single design of tie, produced in two lengths: B 55, which is 90.5 inches long, and B 58, which is 94.5 inches long. The shape of the ties is the same in each case. The illustration shows the dimensions of the B 55 design.

A cubic strength of 8,520 psi is stipulated for the concrete. Ties are produced by the vibration process. Reinforcement is measured for two loading cases:

- (1) vertical pressure on both rails of 15 tons each, without component forces; and (2) vertical pressure on one

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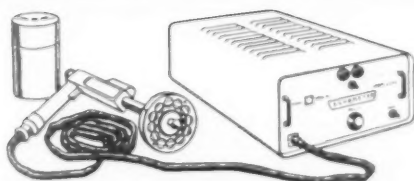


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rail of 13 tons, in connection with a horizontal, outward-directed component at the rail head of 7 tons. These are about twice as much as rail pressures that actually occur.

Reinforcements are of several types, with two to four fillers made of special steel with a tensile strength of between 128,000 psi to 242,000 psi. Some plants stress the steel fillers in the forms. Others remove the forms immediately and insert and stress the steel fillers after the concrete has hardened. To get the compound effect with this method, a suitable binding agent is injected. Before delivery, ties are subject to strict inspection for accuracy of gage and bearing strength.

The problem of rail fastening was solved satisfactorily with concreted, tar-oil-impregnated hard wood dowels. Dowels installed in concrete ties 15 years ago are still in very good condition. If required, they can easily be replaced by new two-part dowels. Experiments are presently being conducted with peg fastenings of hard rubber. These have the advantage of permitting use of the same light-section screws and nails used with timber ties.

Concrete ties are sufficiently non-conducting to meet technical requirements of signal installations for indicating clear tracks, etc.

At the present time, the German Federal Railroads purchase between 1,600,000 and 2,000,000 concrete ties annually. These are produced by seven companies in 11 plants, which have a two-shift capacity of approximately 2,500,000 ties a year. With the 11 tie plants located at selected sites along the route, the average transportation distance from production to installation is only 75 miles. Altogether, some 12,000,000 concrete ties are presently installed. This accounts for some 4,650 miles of track, or about 25% of the first class trackage.

In deciding which routes are to receive concrete ties, the GFR has had to take the German forest economy into consideration. As a matter of policy, timber ties must be used to a certain extent. In practice, timber ties are usually specified for locations where traffic conditions will not permit mechanized tracklaying.

The years of in-service testing have demonstrated two things: First, that it

is incorrect to assume that in regard to traveling on the tracks concrete ties are "harder" than the "elastic" timber ties (extensive tests show that the traveling difference between concrete and timber ties cannot be measured). Secondly, that heavy concrete ties offer maximum safety against rail deformations through thermal stress. This second property has led to extensive use of welded rails on concrete ties.

On the German Federal Railroads, the criterion for selecting a particular type of tie is the long-term cost, including maintenance, rather than the original cost. The tie which permits the lowest annual cost is the most economical. After several decades of experience with timber and steel ties, GFR can calculate the exact annual cost of these types. This is not possible for concrete ties as yet because their longevity is not known exactly.

When all technical, economic and trade factors are taken into account, the German Federal Railroads plan for 50% or 60% of tie renewals to be concrete and the remainder wood. However, if concrete ties continue to meet expectations for long life, they will probably have even greater use in the future.

## Railroading



## After Hours with

*Jim Lyne*

**ENGINEERS AS OFFICERS**—There is a perennial question in most industries as to the kind of professional training they favor for executive positions—engineering, law, business administration or what have you. Lackawanna's operating V-P, W. G. White, did some expounding on the subject not long ago at his alma mater, George Washington University, and has favored me with a printed copy of his lecture. The title is "The Role of Engineers as Administrators." He includes "human relations" as a big part of the administrator's job, and believes the engineer can do well in this area, because his training has fostered the "inquiring mind."

Not having even a smidgeon of engineering education myself, I nevertheless admire the kind of executives the engineering schools have supplied to the railroads. I don't ascribe their success, though, so much to their inquisitiveness (plenty of people are nosy)—as to the hard-boiled concreteness of engineering. You don't get away with vague "yes-and-no" answers to engineering problems.

**\$150 BILLION HANDOUT**—The AAR has compiled a statement, from official sources, showing federal and state government expenditures on transportation, which will reach a cumulative total of over \$149 billion during the current year. What's scary about the figures isn't just their present magnitude, but that they get bigger every year.

In 1955, Uncle Sam got rid of about \$1 billion for aid to (non-railroad) transportation. This year his generosity in transportation will run somewhere between \$3½ and \$4 billion. All forms of transportation, except railroads and pipelines, are getting their hands deeper and deeper into the pockets of national and local treasuries.

These figures make pretty irritating reading for me, right at the time of paying the quarterly income tax bite—both federal and state. I hope the figures will be widely distributed, and irritate a lot of other people too.

**SOME RR CORN**—The weather being hot and standards of humor being pardonably low (I hope)—here is one that came to me from the meeting of public relations officers at Sun Valley: Somebody hoped I'd incur Charley Pope's displeasure and that he would "Soo Line."

Going much higher up the ladder to attain the threshold of acceptability, I've just been reading a speech by my former colleague Bill Schmidt (now PR director of the B&O) made at the accounting officers' recent meeting in Cincinnati. He defined his function as that of a diplomat—his job being to tell people to go to hell, and to make them look forward to it with anticipation.

Bill's speech had to do with the scarcity of capital funds for private investment in transportation—which is the transportation problem that summarizes and embraces all the other problems.





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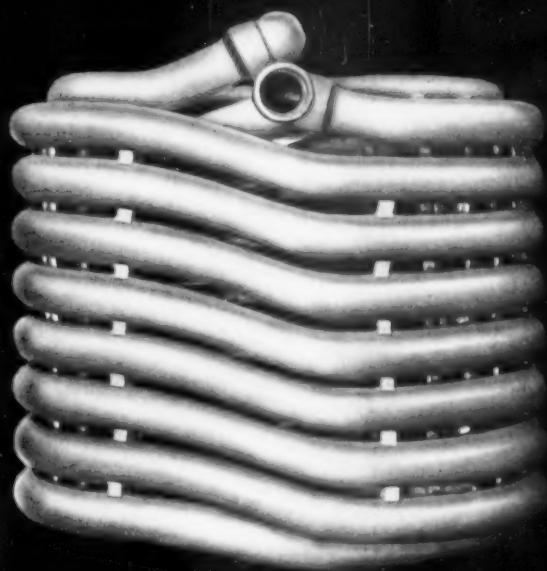
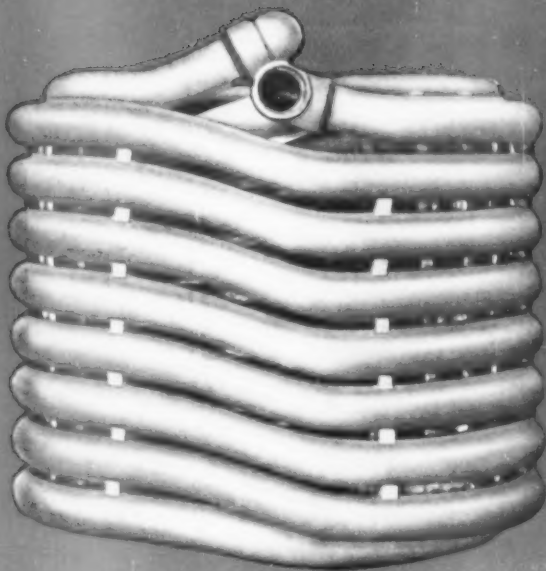
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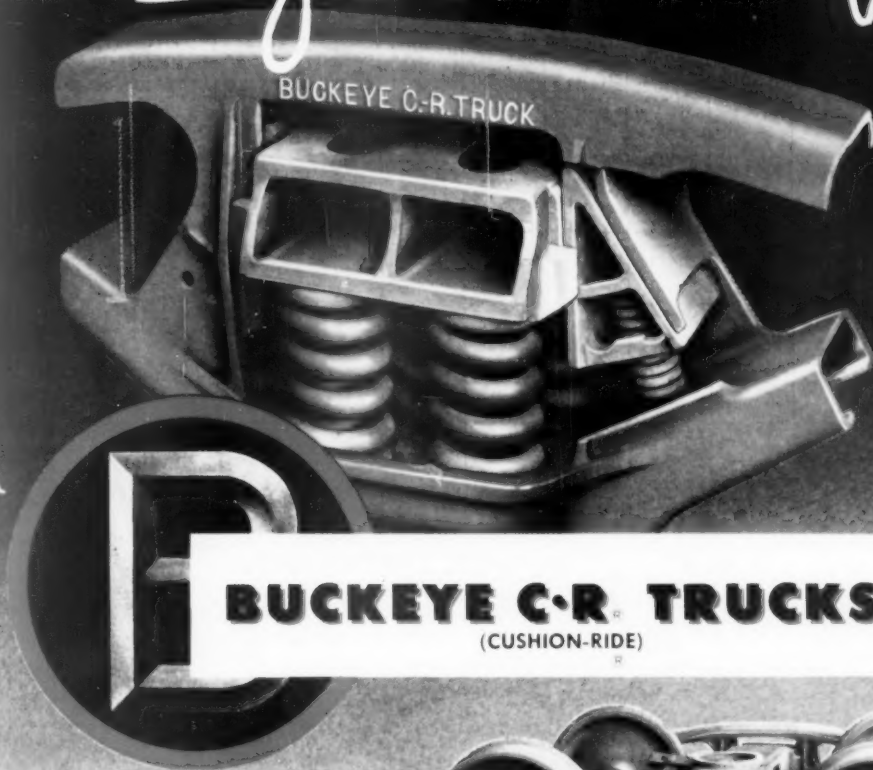
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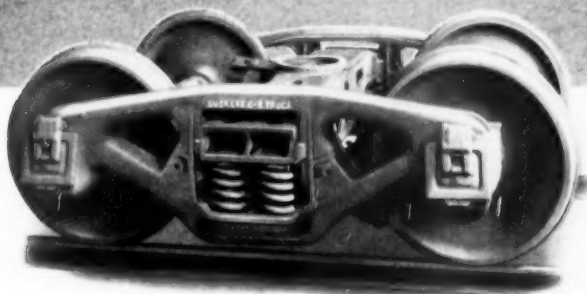


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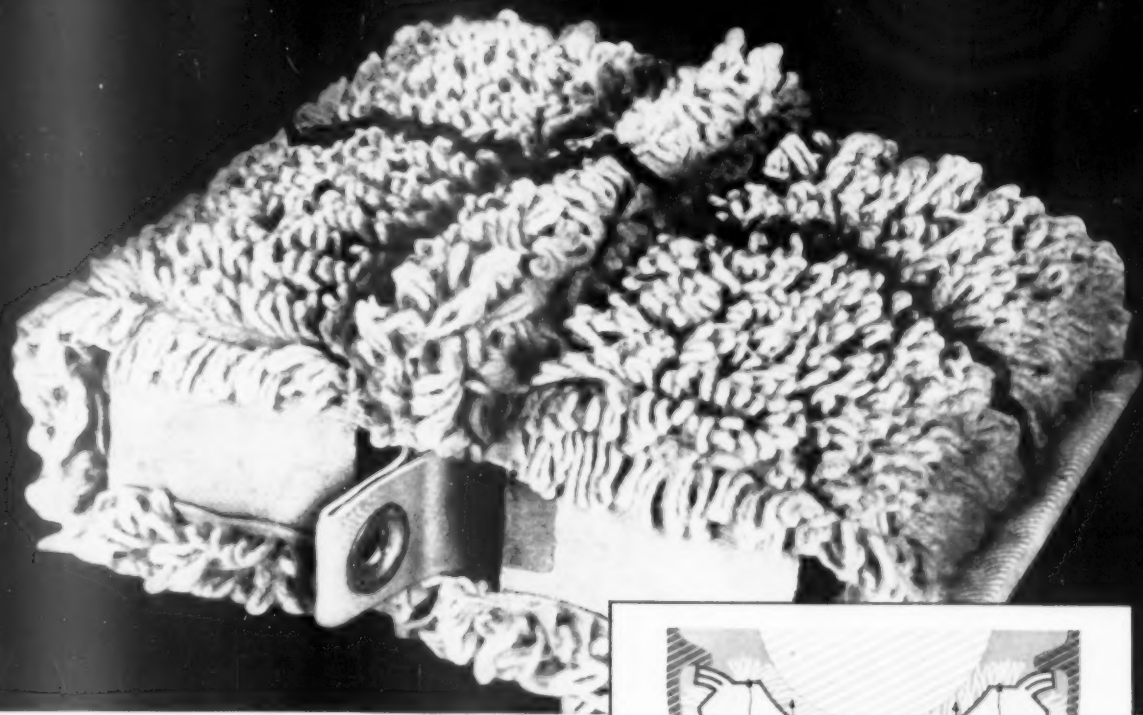
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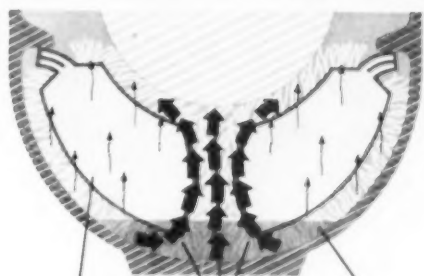
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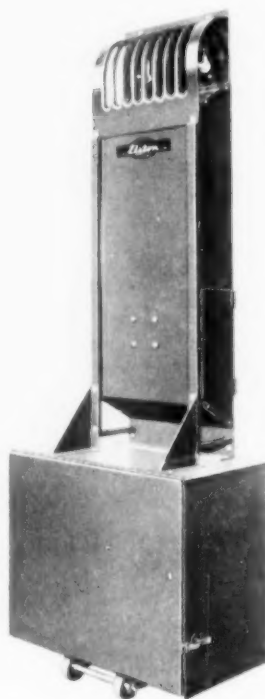
## Aluminum Bearing

An aluminum-tin alloy, 750-T5, is being used to manufacture solid freight car bearings. The AAR has given permission for operation of 100 car sets under Alcoa captive cars. It is claimed that these bearings run cooler, have longer life, and are corrosion resistant. Weight is about 1/3 that of standard bronze bearing; price is somewhat higher. *Aluminum Co. of America, Dept. RA, 1501 Alcoa Bldg., Pittsburgh 19.*



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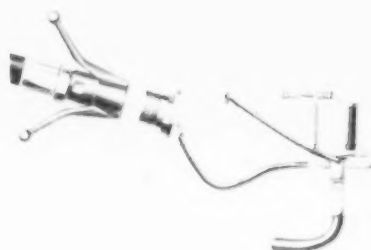


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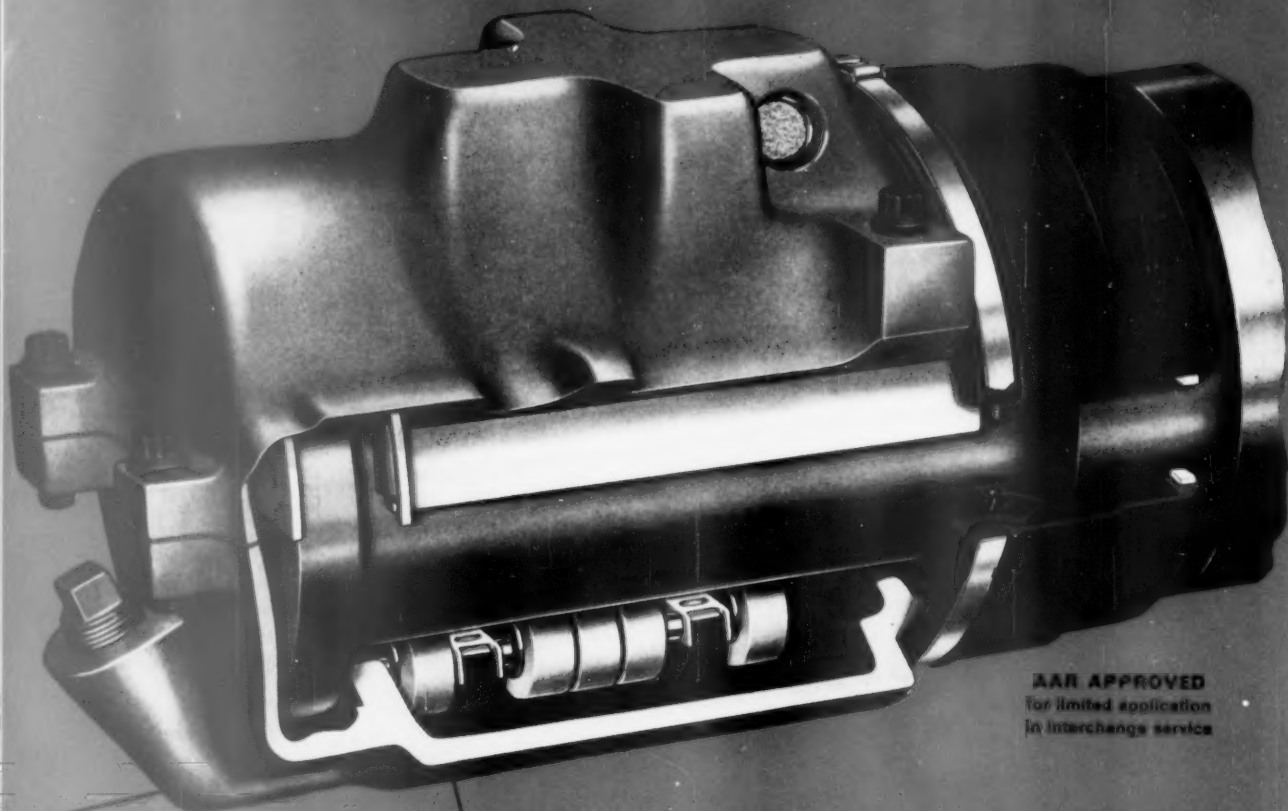


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# Per Diem Bill Clears Committee

An incentive per diem bill has cleared the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

The approved bill is S.1789, sponsored by 19 senators from western and midwestern states and favored by a group of 14 railroads which have been advocating a higher car-rental charge than the present \$2.75 per day. The committee voted last week to send it to the Senate calendar with a favorable report.

The bill would give the ICC an alternative in setting the per diem rate, allowing the rate to be based on car-ownership costs or value in use. It would enlarge the Interstate Commerce Act's section 1 (14) (A) by adding the following:

"In fixing the compensation to be paid for the use of freight cars, the

Commission shall give consideration to the level of freight car ownership and to other factors affecting the adequacy of the national freight car supply and shall, on the basis of such consideration, determine whether compensation should be computed on the basis of elements of ownership expense involved in owning and maintaining freight cars, including a fair return on value (which return shall be fixed at such level as in the Commission's judgment will encourage the acquisition and maintenance of an adequate freight car fleet), or should be computed on the basis of elements reflecting the value of use of freight cars, or upon such other basis or combination of bases as in the Commission's judgment will provide just and reasonable compensation to freight car own-

ers, contribute to sound car service practices, and encourage the acquisition and maintenance of a car supply adequate to meet the needs of commerce and the national defense."

The ICC does not oppose S.1789, but it prefers another pending incentive per diem bill, S.1811, and it also wants authority to impose penalty per diem rates. The latter is proposed in S.1812. No committee action was taken on either of these "ICC bills."

The committee's vote to report S.1789 came a week after the per diem issue, which is controversial in the railroad industry, was aired at hearings before its subcommittee on freight car shortages (RA, June 15, p. 20). The vote was a set-back for railroads that oppose any per diem legislation, and for the AAR which wanted to defer legislation until its newly-appointed per diem committee has made a report.

The committee clearance still leaves S.1789 far short of final enactment. At the same time, it was a win for the 14-road group whose case was presented at the subcommittee's hearing by Eldon Martin, vice president and general counsel of the Burlington.

## Export Grain Rates Studied

Western railroad traffic men are studying a proposal to set low export rates on whole grains.

The proposed rates would apply from Kansas City, Mo.; Omaha, South Omaha and South Sioux City, Neb.; Council Bluffs and Sioux City, Iowa; and interior points in Iowa, Missouri and Minnesota to ports on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior.

As the proposal stands, only one transit would be allowed from a proportional rate point of origin to a lake port of destination on the proposed proportional rates. Two transits would be allowed on shipments forwarded on proposed local export rates.

Reasons for the move: the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the increasing truck competition for grain traffic.

The proposed reductions average about 15%.

Roads proposing the rates (reportedly the Milwaukee and the C&NW) contend that the present rail rate structure doesn't adequately meet the rate requirements of export movement through the lake ports. A "tremendous volume" of inbound grain from western Iowa and southern Minnesota, they found, "has already moved by truck to Chicago and other lake ports for export."

The carriers' study of truck operations for 1958 showed that grain received at Chicago by truck totaled 9,360,000 bushels, of which about 4,500,000 originated in central and west-

ern Iowa. Other grain, not included in the figures, went by truck to Illinois River terminals and moved via barge to Chicago.

The railroads also noted that "a comparison of the first five months of 1959 with the same period in 1958 shows that truck receipts in Chicago increased from 2,464,000 bushels to 5,730,000 bushels, or more than 130%. There is also a very heavy truck movement of soybeans from Iowa and Minnesota surplus producing areas to Chicago."

"Other studies indicate that there has been a tremendous increase in the trucking of grain to the Lake Superior ports as a result of the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. During the first three months of 1959, more than 3,600,000 bushels of grain have been received at these ports."

## REA Fears Death Blow From Parcel Post Bill

The Railway Express Agency could not survive the effects of a bill now in the Senate, REA President William D. Johnson warned last week.

The bill—S. 1306—would increase from 20 to 70 pounds the weight of individual parcel post packages moving by mail in competition, as Mr. Johnson pointed out, with private common carriers between most first class post office cities. He said the average weight per piece of express is only 26 pounds.

## Contract Rate Proposed

A "contract rate" on carpets and rugs, subject to rail movement of 80% or more of total annual shipments, has been proposed to the Traffic Executive Association—Eastern Railroads.

As reported in Traffic Executive Bulletin No. 86, the rate is described as:

"Carriers proposal to establish contract rate \$1.55 minimum weight 30,000 lbs and \$1.25 on weight in excess of 30,000 lbs for application to carload shipments of carpets and rugs from Amsterdam, N. Y., to Chicago, Ill., limited to one delivery only within the Chicago district, one subsequent delivery consisting of not more than one truck load to be made by the railroad to one other point in that district at a charge of \$15.00 over and above all other freight charges, subject to movement 80% or more of total shipments by rail annually, subject to expiration date of one year unless extended by mutual agreement between interested shippers and the railroads."



### Salt Lake Causeway: Year Ahead of Schedule

First trains are expected to roll over the Southern Pacific's 13-mile causeway across Great Salt Lake in July—roughly a year ahead of schedule. Practically all of the 43.5 million cubic yards of sand, gravel and rock required has now been placed. Dumping of material by barge has been completed and the railroad's inland "navy" of 11 barges and several smaller craft

has been disbanded and placed on sale. Laying of the single track on the fill was to get under way toward the end of May. This view shows the location of the causeway relative to the existing trestle which it will replace. The causeway is joined to existing line at both ends by 1-deg. 30-min. reverse curves. Camera angle is responsible for the distortion of the curve.

Louis and more than 675 points in Texas and Oklahoma (RA, May 4, p. 9). Transportation charges under the new joint rates offer cost savings of 15% to 20% per new car shipped.

At least two other western roads—Southern Pacific and Western Pacific—have also run tests with new-car piggyback.

### Canadian Plant Produces Wrought Steel Wheels

A \$12,000,000 wrought-steel wheel plant was opened by Canadian Steel Wheels Ltd. in Montreal last Wednesday. Capable of producing 200,000 rolled-steel wheels yearly and claimed to be the world's most completely automated steel-wheel shop, this plant was established to supply a growing demand for steel wheels in Canada. Canadian Steel Wheels is a subsidiary of Canadian Steel Foundries and English Steel Corp of Sheffield, England.

An AAR regulation which will eventually eliminate all cast-iron wheels from interchange freight equipment in North America has spurred the Canadian steel-wheel market. Prior to the construction of the CSW plant, practically all rolled-steel wheels used in Canada were imported from England. Cast-steel wheels have been produced in Canada for several years.

A force of 175 men will operate the series of automatic operations from the electric melting furnaces through the rotary-hearth ingot furnace to the forging and rolling operations and, finally, the series of heat treating, machining and inspection stations. Wheels from 24-in. to 50-in. diameter can be produced.

More than a hundred government and industry leaders were present while Quebec's Prime Minister M. Duplessis pressed a button on a console in one of the glass-enclosed and air-conditioned control booths from which most of the new plant's intricate operations are regulated. The new plant building in eastern Montreal cost \$2.5 million and equipment cost \$9.5 million.

In his address, CSW President G. L. McMillin said that "Canada's economic strength is mostly in her immense reserves of valuable mineral ores and other natural resources. Unfortunately, most of them are at great distances from the centers where they will be processed. This country's golden future will be built, as was its past, largely on the foundations for which the nation's active and progressive railway companies have been responsible. We are proud to think we are now in a position to contribute a very real share to the railways' continuing enterprise and to their future."

## 80 New Cars Move Via TOFC

Frisco's new tariff for TOFC movement of loaded auto transporters has started paying dividends.

Three auto manufacturers have sampled the rail-truck coordinated service. Indications are that Frisco—and perhaps other roads in the West and South—may have a booming new-car business in coming months.

Biggest shipment to date was 80 new automobiles (37 Plymouths, 29 Dodges, 9 Chryslers and 5 Imperials) which moved via Frisco piggyback from St. Louis to Dallas. The Plymouths were trucked into St. Louis from an assembly plant at Evansville, Ind.; the other Chrysler products originated in Detroit and also moved to St. Louis via over-the-road auto transporter.

The new cars were mixed on the trailers (loaded according to make and number ordered by dealer) and the 20 double-deck trailers were loaded on 10 TOFC flats. Frisco had the cars in Dallas, ready for delivery to dealers, about 24 hours later.

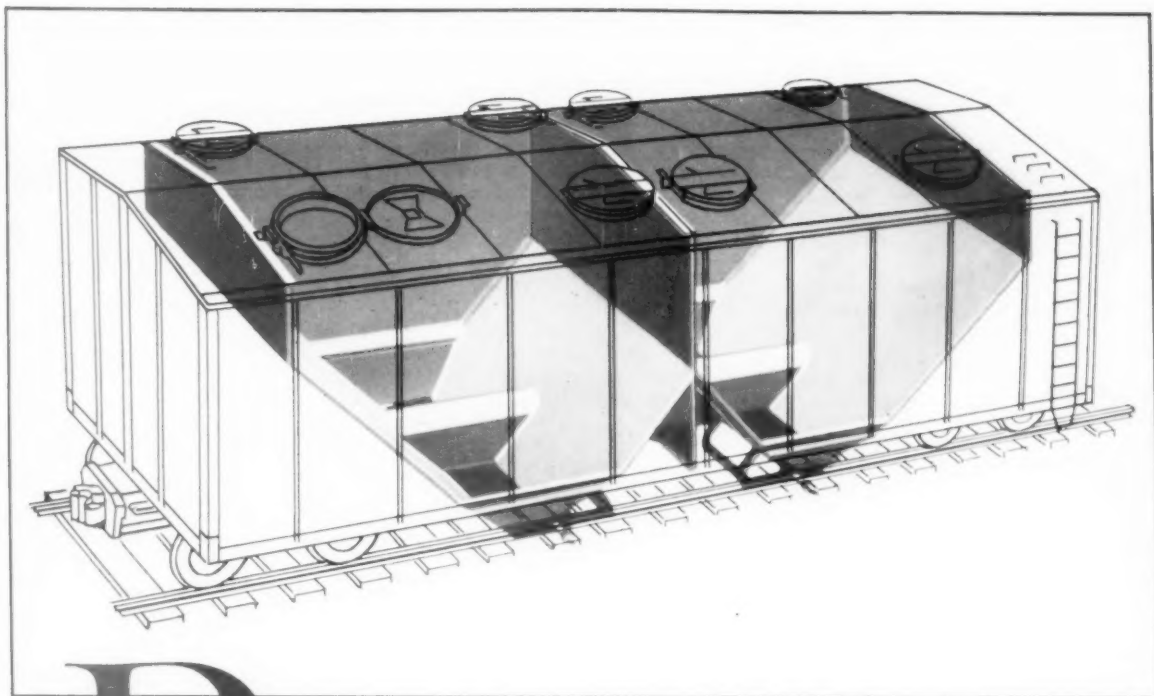
According to Chrysler's corporate traffic director, Paul J. Fritzsche, Jr., this move was only a beginning.

"While this initial shipment was for dealers in Texas," he said, beginning with the 1960 model production, Chrysler Corp. plans to utilize this method of transport to serve dealers in Oklahoma as well. Preliminary discussions and studies are also under way for utilizing the system for dealers in the South and Far West.

"We can expect application of this method of shipping new cars to expand to other areas of the country in the future."

Frisco has also moved one trailer-load of Mercury automobiles and was scheduled to take two trailer-loads of Ramblers over the St. Louis-Dallas route last week. In all cases, according to the railroad, the shipments have gone through without damage.

Frisco's tariff, which went into effect May 15, sets up joint through commodity rates between St. Louis-East St.



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# Locomotive Inspection Intervals Set

Each locomotive unit used in road service must receive a mechanical inspection at least once every 24 hours except when on through runs, the ICC has ruled (RA, June 15, p. 40). In the case of through runs lasting more than 24 hours, the unit must be inspected at the next crew change point immediately beyond the point at which the 24-hr period expired.

These requirements are part of a revision of ICC Rule 203 put into effect by Commission order on June 2, 1959. A general revision of rules pertaining to the inspection and testing of non-steam locomotives was contained in Ex Parte 174 issued in March 1958. Controversial Rule 203 was made the subject of a separate action, Ex Parte 203, which has just been concluded.

Controversy over Rule 203 arose in November 1955 when John A. Hall, director of locomotive inspection, issued a memorandum to ICC field inspectors calling attention to the fact

that "trip" in road service meant one way over a division or district. He went on to say that an inspection was to be conducted and a report filed for each locomotive every time that road engine crews changed.

This was an interpretation of Rules 104 (Steam) and 203 (Other Than Steam), issued in 1915 and 1925 respectively, which read: "Each locomotive and tender shall be inspected after each trip, or day's work, and the defects found reported on an approved form to the proper representative of the company . . ."

Director Hall's memorandum was followed by an AAR petition filed in 1956 questioning the "reasonableness and lawfulness" of Rule 203 and its subsequent interpretation.

Steam locomotives, it was pointed out, had for many years operated over several divisions followed only by a Rule 104 inspection at the end of the run and not at intermediate points. This had also been the practice with diesel locomotives.

Design of diesels makes them less liable to mechanical failures. This was supported by ICC accident figures between 1946 and 1957 showing that accidents attributable to locomotive defects or failures occurred once each 3,671,174 steam locomotive-miles and only once each 12,205,228 diesel locomotive-miles.

The Commission admitted that "in-

spection at each crew-change point would interfere with the flexibility of railroad operation without achieving any greater degree of safety." Investigations have shown that there is no practical or economical method for imposing a mileage limitation on inspection intervals.

This has resulted in the new Commission order which requires:

- Road locomotives, including those in transfer and work-train service, must be inspected once each 24 hr, except that units on through runs exceeding 24 hr must be inspected at the next crew-change point reached after the 24-hr period expires.

- Yard locomotives must be inspected once each calendar day.

- Defects found in violation of ICC regulations must be repaired before the unit is again used.

- Reports of defects and repairs made must be filed on approved forms in the office of the railroad at the terminal at which the unit is "cared for" (not necessarily the inspection point).

- A record of the time, date and place of inspections must be kept on each unit.

- Any competent employee can be designated to make the inspection.

- Report must be approved by designated representative of the railroad; but without this approval, a unit can go back into service if reported defects have been repaired.

## AAR Groups to Meet

An estimated 1,000 railroad officers from the U. S., Canada and Mexico are expected to attend the annual meetings of the Mechanical Division and the Electrical Section of the Engineering and Mechanical Divisions of the AAR this week. The meetings are slated for Chicago June 23-25.

Principal speakers at an opening joint session will be Ernest S. Marsh, president of the Santa Fe, and Philip A. Hollar, vice president—assistant to the president of the AAR. The two AAR groups subsequently will hold separate business sessions.

Speakers at the Mechanical Division sessions will include Howard G. Freas, chairman of the ICC; S. M. Houston, general superintendent, mechanical department, Southern Pacific; and William M. Keller, vice president, research department, AAR.

Electrical Section speakers will include F. B. Rykoskey, general superintendent of motive power and equipment, Baltimore & Ohio; L. R. Morgan, assistant research engineer—structures, AAR; and H. P. Wright, electrical engineer for the B&O and chairman of the Electrical Section.

## Saunders Lists Merger Benefits

President Stuart T. Saunders of the Norfolk & Western presented the case for voluntary mergers at last week's ICC hearings on the proposed N&W-Virginian unification.

The N&W president estimated that savings as a result of the merger would amount to about \$12 million a year at the outset. He predicted that future savings would rise above that figure.

He advanced six basic reasons why he believed the merger would be in the public interest. He said it would:

- Produce more efficient and economical transportation.

- Greatly benefit the coal industry of southern West Virginia and south-east Virginia.

- Enable the combined lines to offer improved services to shippers, particularly those located on the Virginian.

- Open the door to an effective program for attracting industries to the area which the combined lines will serve.

- Extend the economic life of the Virginian.

- Provide more stabilized employment opportunities for employees of the two roads.

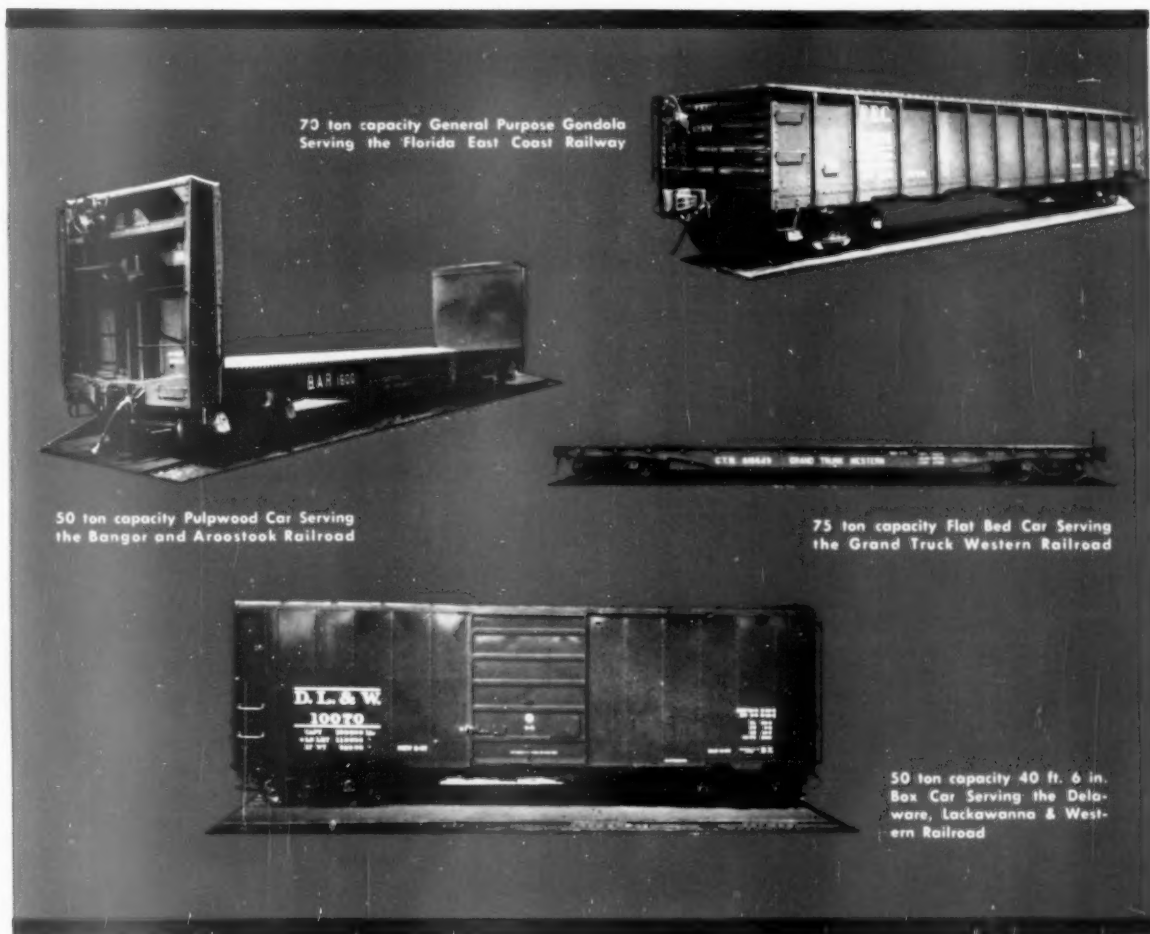
Other Norfolk & Western officers supplemented Mr. Saunders' testimony. Intervening railroads included the Atlantic Coast Line, Chesapeake & Ohio, New York Central, and Southern. Statements made on their behalf supported the merger or merely asked that the Commission require the maintenance of existing routes. As to the latter, Mr. Saunders had this to say:

"It will be our policy to maintain existing routes with the Virginian, which will continue to be available to shippers as in the past. I believe, however, that this matter should be mutual and, considering our agreement to maintain existing Virginian routes, that the connecting lines should likewise agree to maintain the routes which they presently have with the Virginian."



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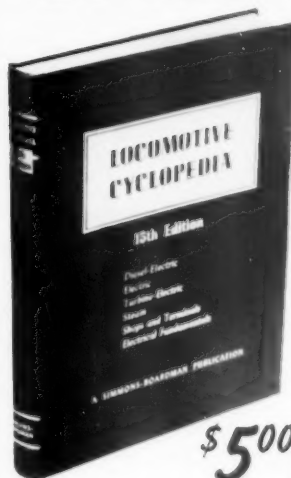


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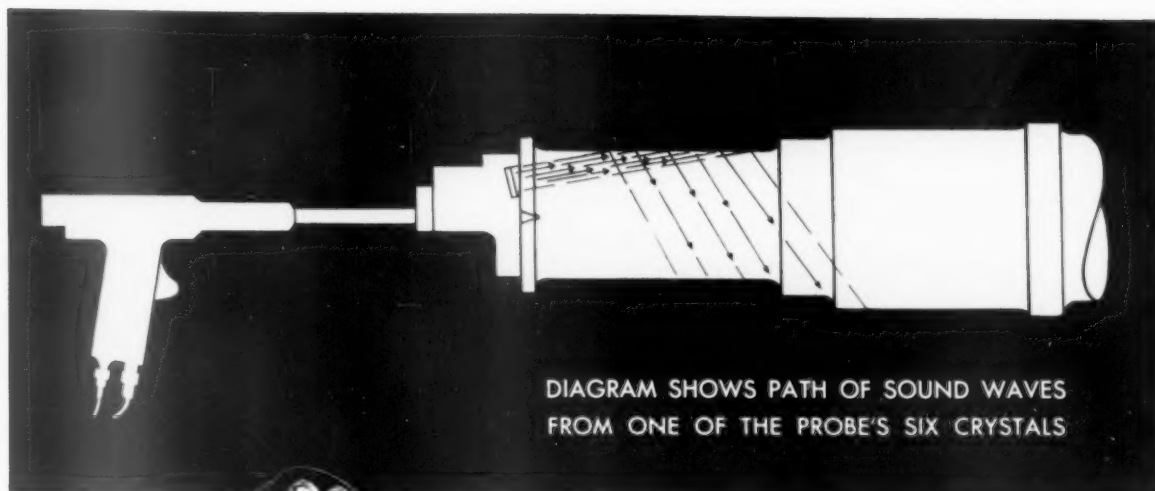


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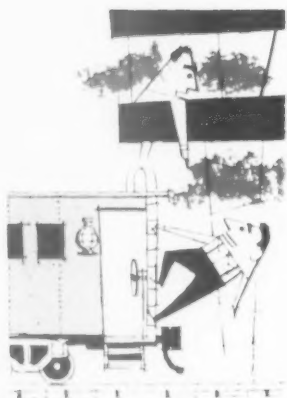
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# MARKET OUTLOOK *at a glance*

## Carloadings Rise 3.9% Above Previous Week's

Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended June 13 totaled 709,139 cars, the Association of American Railroads announced on June 18. This was an increase of 26,585 cars, or 3.9%, compared with the previous week; an increase of 86,453 cars, or 13.9%, compared with the corresponding week last year; and a decrease of 36,983 cars, or 5%, compared with the equivalent 1957 week.

Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended June 6 totaled 682,624 cars; the summary, compiled by the Car Service Division, AAR, follows:

REVENUE FREIGHT CAR LOADINGS For the week ended Saturday, June 6			
District	1959	1958	1957
Eastern	100,244	88,167	114,069
Allegheny	132,451	107,274	146,399
Poconchos	55,798	50,228	65,140
Southern	107,776	115,061	117,687
Northwestern	109,387	90,374	122,365
Central Western	121,706	111,497	116,804
Southwestern	55,262	50,780	51,013
Total Western Districts	286,355	252,651	290,182
Total All Roads	682,624	613,381	733,477
Commodities:			
Grain and grain products	50,847	53,709	47,184
Livestock	4,903	5,499	5,113
Coal	112,765	108,135	138,842
Coke	10,856	5,552	10,621
Forest Products	38,566	38,983	41,332
Ore	80,161	51,232	88,583
Merchandise E.C.I.	41,220	44,371	53,121
Miscellaneous	343,306	305,900	348,681
June 6	682,624	613,381	733,477
May 30	687,226	529,779	671,045
May 23	685,745	570,425	722,903
May 16	694,380	561,040	722,144
May 9	677,398	535,579	723,317
Cumulative total, 23 weeks	14,023,002	12,426,235	15,614,777

### PIGGYBACK CARLOADINGS.

U. S. piggyback loadings for the week ended June 6 totaled 8,389 cars, compared with 5,560 for the corresponding 1958 week. Loadings for 1959 up to June 6 totaled 172,990 cars, compared with 106,621 for the corresponding period of 1958.

**IN CANADA.**—Carloadings for the ten-day period ended May 31 totaled 102,601 cars, compared with 73,223 cars for the previous seven-day period, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

	Revenue Cars Loaded	Total Cars Rec'd from Connections
Totals for Canada:		
May 31, 1959	102,601	38,346
May 31, 1958	118,844	38,774
Cumulative Totals:		
May 31, 1959	1,464,769	597,998
May 31, 1958	1,464,712	612,663

## New Equipment

### FREIGHT-TRAIN CARS

► **Canadian National.**—Ordered 200 50-ton insulated and heater-equipped box cars from Dominion Iron & Steel Corp. The new cars will supplement CNR refrigerator car fleet which is used in winter to protect perishable shipments from freezing. A prototype heated box car was tested last winter.

► **Pennsylvania.**—Will lease 5,000 70-ton hopper cars for 20 years with option to renew for an additional 10 years. Bethlehem Steel Corp. will build 4,000 of the cars at a cost of about \$40,000,000; Greenville Steel Car will build another 1,000 at a cost of about \$10,000,000. These orders complete a recently-announced 23,500-car acquisition program (RA, May 18, p. 9).

► **Santa Fe.**—Topeka, Kan., company shops will build 1,000 50-ft box cars equipped with shock-control underframes for delivery beginning in the fourth quarter; and 25 53-ft, 50-ton flat cars for delivery by the third quarter of 1959.

► **Trailer Train Co.**—Ordered 300 additional 85-ft piggyback flat cars. This brings the company's total orders for new cars to 700, valued at approximately \$11 million. Pullman-Standard has already delivered 100 of the cars. Of the remainder, ACF will build 300 and P-S 300. The cars are to be equipped with roller bearings, ride control trucks and rubber-cushioned draft gear. When deliveries are completed, the TTX fleet will total 2,614 cars.

### LOCOMOTIVES

► **Southern.**—Ordered forty-eight SD-24, 2400-hp road switcher locomotives from Electro-Motive Division at a cost of approximately \$12.7 million. Deliveries are expected to begin in October and be completed this year. The units are to go into high-speed freight service. In 1941 the Southern was one of the first roads to put diesel locomotives in freight service.

## New Facilities

► **Canadian National.**—Awarded contract to Cameron Contracting Limited for construction of a new express and office building at St. John's, Nfld. CNR has allocated \$600,000 for the building plus paving of roadway approaches and loading area.

► **Chicago & North Western.**—Will increase substantially its rail and track program for 1959 over 1958. More than 250 miles of track will receive new ballast. An estimated \$3,200,000 will be spent to re-new rails, including \$443,000 to lay new 115-lb rail in 78-ft lengths between Des Plaines, Ill., and Barrington, 13 miles. C&NW will also build several new passenger stations and resurface a number of station platforms in Chicago suburban area. Passenger elevators in its Chicago terminal will be converted to automatic operation.



# PRR Finances 23,500 Car Order

The 23,500-car program announced by Pennsylvania President J. M. Symes at the road's annual meeting (RA, May 18, p. 9) will be financed by banks, insurance companies, pension funds, state funds, etc., but not by equipment trusts. "We couldn't get straight equipment trusts," Pennsy Vice President D. C. Bevan said in describing details of financing for the car program, which involved nine different financing agreements. "There just isn't that kind of money available."

To Mr. Bevan, the difficulty the PRR had in arranging its \$225,000,000 program (including \$10,000,000 slated for new diesels) pointed up the need for quick adoption of the Symes plan for equipment financing. The Symes plan was suggested, Mr. Bevan said, to take care of the chronic car shortage and to make it possible for every railroad to finance its share of the cars needed. In today's money market, Mr. Bevan went on, many railroads cannot finance their share of cars. "They have no access to this kind of capital," he said.

Government-guaranteed loans, which Mr. Bevan described as "bad money driving out good" will hurt rather than help the industry's efforts to bring the car fleet up to its right size, he said. "We think the government loan type of thing is highly dangerous," he went on, "and should be confined to emergency situations where it is necessary to keep a road out of receivership. It could be very dangerous to our whole private financing set-up."

Mr. Bevan estimated that the Pennsylvania equipment program would amount to almost half of the total freight-car purchases for the year, even though the Pennsy will handle only about 10% of the traffic.

Of the \$215 million slated for new cars, all but \$28 million in 10-year conditional sales contracts will be covered by several leasing plans arranged through a variety of financial agencies. Cars will be leased for initial terms of 1-20 years. The largest single leasing arrangement involves \$85 million and 10,000 cars, 8,000 of which will be built by Pennsy's Altoona shops and 2,000 by ACF (RA, May 18, p. 9).

All told, Altoona will build 11,500 cars, ACF 4,000, Bethlehem Steel 4,000, General American Transportation Co. 1,700, Pullman-Standard 1,000, Greenville Steel Co. 1,000 and General Steel Castings 300. All of the cars will have solid bearings.

The order breaks down by car types into 10,000 70-ton hoppers, 6,300 gondolas, 4,900 box, 1,000 70-ton ore gondolas, 500 covered hoppers, 500 stock cars and 300 flat cars.

About 4,500 cars of the order have already been delivered. The rest will be in service by the end of 1959, PRR hopes, if everything goes as planned. About 18,500 cars will be retired this year, Mr. Bevan said, which will give the road a net gain of 5,000 cars total ownership. Because many of the cars to be retired are currently unserviceable, though, the gain in serviceable cars will be 20,000. The new cars, plus the current maintenance program, are expected to permit lowering the bad order ratio from the present 21% to 14% or 15% by the end of the year.

The scrap prices of the 18,000 cars being retired plus the value of reusable parts will provide \$17,000,000 that will cover cash required for the program. Charges to service the debt and lease obligations will amount to about \$16,000,000 annually.

The new cars and engines account for all but about \$25,000,000 of the PRR budget for capital improvement in 1959, Mr. Bevan said. The cars are expected to be able to handle more traffic, to reduce the road's per-diem charges and to cut maintenance costs. Also important, Mr. Bevan said, "We're extremely optimistic on the traffic outlook for the '60's and we're trying to get ready for it."

## CNR Seeks New Business, Savings With Budd Cars

Two RDC-2 rail diesel cars will be placed in service this week on a complex of branch lines radiating out of Guelph, Ont., and Stratford. The two Budd cars, running as single units, will take over schedules of 12 conventional trains. One car will run 432 miles, and the other 300 miles, mainly during the daylight hours, connecting the branch line communities with fast Toronto service at intersecting points.

The new service, due to be inaugurated June 22, will not only provide economies to the railroad, but improved service to the public. The scheduled changes were worked out by a committee of local Canadian National officers in a series of meetings with municipal authorities and shippers in the communities affected. They were asked what kind of schedules would be most likely to attract business back to the rails. Even though there was an over-all reduction in quantity of service, substitution of modern air-conditioned equipment and improved schedules, in which the communities had a hand, engendered favor instead of opposition to the changes.

## LUBRICATOR PADS

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points. At Shaffers Crossing (Roanoke) and Portsmouth, Ohio, we have machines leased from a manufacturer. At Lamberts Point (Norfolk) we have equipment of railroad design.

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## Dividends Declared

**ALABAMA GREAT SOUTHERN**—common, \$4, semi-annual; 6% participating preferred, \$4 semi-annual, both payable June 23 to holders of record June 1.

**ALLEGHENY & WESTERN**—\$3, semi-annual, payable July 1 to holders of record June 19.

**ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE**—5% non-cumulative preferred, 25c, semi-annual, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record June 26.

**BANGOR & AROOSTOOK**—40c, quarterly, payable June 30 to holders of record June 19.

**BEECH CREEK**—50c, quarterly, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC**—75c, semi-annual, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record June 19.

**CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS & TEXAS PACIFIC**—\$4, semi-annual, paid June 19 to holders of record June 5.

**COLORADO & SOUTHERN**—4%, non-cumulative 1st preferred, \$2, payable July 23 to holders of record July 8.

**DELAWARE & HUDSON**—50c, quarterly, payable June 27 to holders of record June 10.

**DENVER & RIO GRANDE WESTERN**—new common, initial, from net income for calendar year 1958, 25c, payable June 22 to holders of record June 12.

**DETROIT, HILLSDALE & SOUTHWESTERN**—\$2, semi-annual, payable July 2 to holders of record June 18.

**EAST PENNSYLVANIA**—\$1.50, semi-annual, payable July 21 to holders of record July 1.

**FORT WAYNE & JACKSON**—5½% preferred, \$2.75, semi-annual, payable Sept. 2 to holders of record Aug. 19.

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL**—50c, quarterly, payable July 1 to holders of record June 1.

**KANSAS, OKLAHOMA & GULF**—3% non-cumulative preferred, \$3, 6% preferred A, \$3, semi-annual 6% preferred B, \$3, semi-annual 6% preferred C, \$3, semi-annual, all paid June 1 to holders of record May 23.

**MASSAWIPPI VALLEY**—\$3, semi-annual, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 1.

**NASHVILLE & DECATUR**—guaranteed, 93½c, quarterly, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20.

## Supply Trade

L. L. White, Jr., general sales manager, Brandon Equipment Company, Inc., has been named vice president.

Leo De Fiore, chief engineer of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., has been appointed director of engineering. Carl J. Lucas, assistant chief engineer in charge of projects and development, has been named chief engineer.

R. Clifford Howell, special representative, railroad sales, Chicago office, New York Air Brake Co., has been advanced to assistant western manager there.

Robert W. McNally has been elected president and director of the M&J Diesel Locomotive Filter Corp., Chicago. George H. Snyder has been elected vice president—sales.

Don V. Slaker, chief engineer, Dump Car department, Eddystone division, Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp., has retired, after 33 years of service.

Chicago Freight Car & Parts Co. has recently changed its name to Chicago Freight Car Co. Charles F. Simpson has been appointed sales manager; H. J. Van Dellen, chief engineer, and Louis O. Sloss, secretary-treasurer.

E. Albert Wagner, manager of development engineering, Exide Industrial Division, Electric Storage Battery Co., has been named manager, service engineering division.

The following appointed district managers—railroad district by Electro-Motive Division of General Motors Corp.: B. K. Wingerter, A. K. Auburn and W. A. Stringer, Eastern Region; A. E. Roberts, P. C. Ganzar, N. A. Minor, A. J. Marcussen and W. A. Thomas, Chicago Region; G. B. Gowen, R. E. Hill and J. E. O'Leary, St. Louis Region.

D. Gregg Cummings, exhibit manager, public relations department, Electro-Motive Division, has been appointed assistant advertising manager.

Standard Railway Equipment Manufacturing Co. has announced acquisition of George T. Murphy Co., Waukegan, Ill., manufacturer of glass fiber reinforced paper grain doors and related glass fiber products. W. E. Olds, president and general manager of Standard's Railway Equipment Division, has been elected president of the latter which will be operated by the division. George T. Murphy, former owner, will serve as consultant. William G. Gray appointed special representative, Railway Equipment Division, Chicago. Mr. Gray was formerly associated with Miller Lubricator Co.

William M. Haile, president of Linde Co., Division of Union Carbide Corp., has been elected a vice president of Union Carbide. William B. Nicholson appointed president of Linde Co. to succeed Mr. Haile.

John D. Sharp has been appointed district sales manager and John J. McClanahan has been named sales representative for a new district sales office of Industrial Brownhoist Corp. at 9 Office Park, Birmingham 9, Ala.

Engineering Controls, Inc., St. Louis, Mo., has appointed Central Equipment Co., 80 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, as its sales representative to the railway industry.

The United States Steel Corp. has added the Hüttenwerk Oberhausen Aktiengesellschaft, Oberhausen, Germany, to the group of steel producers who are licensed to manufacture and sell its COR-TEN brand corrosion-resistant high-strength low-alloy steel.

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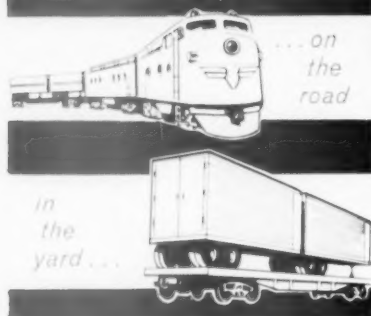


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## People in the News

**ALGOMA CENTRAL & HUDSON BAY.**—C. H. Paul, assistant traffic manager, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., appointed traffic manager there, succeeding J. P. Mader, who retires June 30.

**BALTIMORE & OHIO.**—J. E. Graham, senior engineer at Cincinnati, Ohio, appointed regional engineer, Western region, at that point, succeeding James P. Ray, whose retirement was noted in RA, Feb. 1, p. 65.

**BRITISH & IRISH RAILWAYS.**—S. L. F. Allen, passenger assistant to district traffic manager at Leicester, England, appointed deputy-general traffic manager in North America, at 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, succeeding W. F. Sprée, retired.

**BURLINGTON.**—Clarence E. Larsen, assistant freight traffic manager, Chicago, appointed assistant to vice president, traffic department there, succeeding J. J. McGarry, promoted (RA, June 8, p. 27). H. Wayne Hotaling, general freight agent, Colorado & Southern, Denver, named to succeed Mr. Larsen. Mr. Hotaling's successor is Jens C. Jensen, assistant general freight agent, rates and divisions department, Chicago. Lloyd J. Gilmore appointed to the newly created position of general freight agent, rates and divisions department, Chicago. Robert E. Parrish, chief rate clerk, named assistant general freight agent, Chicago.

**CANADIAN NATIONAL-GRAND TRUNK.**—David Kantor, general agent, G.T.W. Battle Creek, Mich., appointed general agent, freight traffic department, CNR-GTW, Chicago.

Alfred Beatty Rosevear, general solicitor, CNR, Montreal, has retired.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC.**—L. S. Vaines, acting general supervisor, loss and damage prevention, Montreal, appointed chief supervisor of loss and damage prevention there.

**CHESAPEAKE & OHIO.**—James H. Suthann, assistant freight traffic manager, Detroit, appointed manager of piggyback services there.

James I. Alvord, division engineer, Grand Rapids, Mich., appointed senior staff engineer, Cleveland, with responsibility for engineering staff services to operating department officers. Mr. Alvord assumes management development and personnel functions within the operating department previously assigned to John E. McLeod, staff assistant to vice president—operations, who retired June 1.

**CHICAGO & EASTERN ILLINOIS.**—George E. Bennett, purchasing agent and superintendent motive power, Danville, Ill., elected vice president and purchasing agent there.

Effective July 1, J. P. Maddock appointed freight sales manager, Portland, Ore., succeeding F. A. Marshall, resigned.

Don K. Brideson appointed traffic representative, Chicago, succeeding Vernon J. Zipfel, transferred to Evansville, Ind.

**CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN.**—Edwin R. Butler, Jr., appointed supervisor automatic train control system, Chicago.

Ernest T. Hadley, Jr. and Bert V. Havard appointed general agents, Medford, Ore. and Salt Lake City, respectively. James E. Thompson named division freight agent, St. Louis.

**CLINCHFIELD.**—R. H. Wilson appointed assistant engineer, Erwin, Tenn.

**DULUTH, MISSABE & IRON RANGE.**—Donald B. Shank, assistant general manager, Duluth, Minn., appointed general manager there.

**GULF, MOBILE & OHIO.**—E. A. Brautigam appointed assistant general freight agent (commerce), Mobile, Ala. W. C. Gibson named commerce agent, Mobile.

**KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN.**—W. B. Johnson appointed superintendent of machinery, Pittsburg, Kan., succeeding the late L. W. Van Natta. A. K. Connell named assistant superintendent of machinery, Pittsburg.

**LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE.**—Joseph J. O'Connor, assistant traffic manager for the Clinchfield, Erwin, Tenn., appointed executive general agent, I&N, 835 Woodward Building, Washington, D.C.

**NAVY DEPARTMENT.**—Rear Admiral Thomas A. Long, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, has been appointed assistant chief for transportation in the Navy's Bureau of Supplies & Accounts, Washington, D.C., succeeding Rear Admiral Edward F. Metzger.

**NEW HAVEN.**—James C. Rhodes, division freight agent, Waterbury, Conn., appointed assistant general freight agent, Boston, Mass. Frank N. Powers succeeds Mr. Rhodes. William J. Berry appointed district traffic agent, Presque Isle, Me., succeeding Kenneth M. Fraser, transferred to Pittsburgh, Pa.

**NEW YORK CENTRAL.**—Ward H. Leahy, director—car reporting, New York, appointed assistant to general manager—transportation. John C. Scott, assistant director—car reporting, named director—car reporting. Albert F. Rozell, assistant manager—transportation, appointed to superintendent—yards and terminals. William J. Klinka, supervisor general car utilization, named assistant chief freight

transportation inspector. All have headquarters at New York.

**Joseph M. Ostrow**, research assistant, New York, appointed assistant director, market research.

**NICKEL PLATE**—**Ralph W. Meyer**, district passenger agent, Chicago, appointed assistant general passenger agent there, succeeding **Robert G. Wood**, named general agent, freight traffic office, Los Angeles, Cal.

**NORTHERN PACIFIC**—**E. T. Gibson**, chief of the freight traffic service bureau, St. Paul, named assistant to general freight traffic manager, succeeding **H. A. Shultz**, who retired June 1. Mr. Gibson's successor is **R. S. Wells**, chief clerk to freight traffic manager. **M. A. Hanson**, manager, research section, Trans-Continental Freight Bureau, Chicago, named to the newly created position of general freight agent—rates, NP, St. Paul. **R. S. Sandgren**, committee assistant, appointed commerce agent, replacing **W. A. Hart**, assistant general freight agent, retired.

**ONTARIO NORTHLAND**—**H. Richard Bailey** appointed storekeeper, North Bay, Ont., succeeding **J. A. O'Donnell**, retired.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—**C. B. Armbruster** appointed statistician, Philadelphia.

**J. S. Bennett** named medical officer, Philadelphia.

**John W. Rathvon**, trainmaster, Columbus, Ohio, appointed supervisor of transportation engineering, Northern region, Buffalo, N.Y.

**Donald R. Kearsing**, passenger sales representative, appointed freight and passenger agent at Elizabeth, N.J., succeeding **William C. Thomas**, who is ill.

**RUTLAND**—**William I. Ginsburg**, executive vice president at Rutland, Vt., will become president on July 1, succeeding **Alan E. Danver**.

who will retire after 34 years with the railroad.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC**—**Charles O. Kramer**, assistant electrical engineer, San Francisco, appointed electrical engineer there, to succeed **Luther F. Williams**, who retired May 31. **Theodore L. Wolff** named to replace Mr. Kramer.

**W. J. McHugh**, assistant superintendent, Mechanical department, Los Angeles, promoted to superintendent, Mechanical department, Southern District, Los Angeles General Shops, succeeding **E. E. Hinchman**, retired (RA, June 1, p. 35).

**E. A. Hume**, assistant general attorney, Pacific Electric, Los Angeles, advanced to the newly created position of general attorney-claims, SP, San Francisco, succeeding **Wendell Luhr**, general claims agent, retired.

**TEXAS RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**—**Walter Cavon**, general attorney, elected general counsel, Austin, Tex., succeeding the late **Kenneth McCalla**.

## OBITUARY

**Harry V. Cooper**, retired general freight claim agent, *Missouri Pacific*, died June 14 in his home in Dubuque, Iowa.

**William H. Mitchell**, retired general freight agent, sales and service, *Clinchfield*, died June 4 at his home in Erwin, Tenn.

**E. Lester Shaw**, 63, railroad consultant and analyst for the Wall Street firm of **Vilas & Hickey**, died of a heart attack at his home in White Plains, N. Y., June 15. Mr. Shaw had been with Vilas & Hickey since 1911. Early in his career he had served with the operating department of the Boston & Maine.

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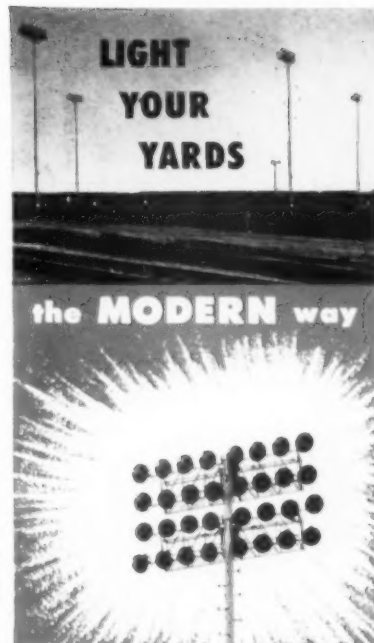
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**ICC authorization** will permit four roads—Illinois Central, Burlington, Milwaukee and Indiana Harbor Belt—to operate over Chicago, Aurora & Elgin tracks and serve CA&E shippers in four principal areas. CA&E discontinued its freight operation earlier this month (RA, June 15, p. 40).

**Santa Fe President** Ernest S. Marsh has been named to the Advisory Committee for 1960—Visit USA Year. An official committee of the U. S. Department of Commerce, the group will promote the "travel year" which has been proclaimed by President Eisenhower.

**Electric heating equipment** has been installed in four Chicago & North Western RPO and RPO-baggage cars to permit them to operate either with conventional equipment or with bi-level trains. North Western is running the head-end cars in Nos. 211-212 between Chicago and Green Bay, Wis., and in the bi-level "Flambeau 400" between Green Bay and Ashland.

**Southern Pacific** 4-8-4 No. 4460, last steam locomotive to see service on SP, has been placed on display at the National Museum of Transport in St. Louis. H. J. McKenzie, president of the Cotton Belt, made the presentation to A. K. Atkinson, Wabash president and chairman and museum board chairman.

**More C&NW locomotives** are going through builders' shops for re-powering and modernization. Deliveries are now being completed on 15 units (two road switchers, 13 yard switchers) which have been re-engined by Electro-Motive Division. In addition, C&NW has 25 units on which new electric throttle equipment is being installed by Fairbanks, Morse.

**New president** of the American Railway Development Association is F. B. Stratton, director of industrial development for Western Pacific. WP's headquarters city, San Francisco, will be host city next year for the ARDA's 51st annual meeting.

**New York attorney** Paul J. Kern has won his fight for election to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois' board of directors. C&EI President David O. Mathews stepped down as a director, but will still preside at board meetings under the company's by-laws.

**C&O is now playing host** at "Chessie Tea Time" on its "Sportsman," "F. F. V." and "George Washington." Passengers are invited to the dining car between 3 and 4 p.m. for tea, coffee, milk or orange juice, on the house. Chessie, C&O notes, is "pouring as well as purring."

**Richard F. Mitchell** left the ICC June 15 after 12 years of service as a member of that body. He was one of the two remaining pre-Eisenhower commissioners, the other being Anthony F. Arpaia. Mr. Mitchell, whose term had four more years to run, resigned for reasons of health.

**Chicago's** three consolidated terminal plans were formally presented to the city and the Terminal Authority last week—and were promptly turned over to consulting engineers for study. The plans propose consolidation at (1) Union Station, (2) Union and Central Stations, and (3) removal of Dearborn Station trains to LaSalle Street, Grand Central and Union Stations (RA, June 1, p. 33).

**The Milwaukee** is renumbering its diesel locomotives in two- and three-digit series. The railroad's original numbering system, outgrown as the diesel fleet became larger, had locomotives of the same type numbered in different series in some cases. Retirement of all steam power made the two- and three-digit numbers available. It's expected that the new program will help simplify accounting, store-keeping and dispatching functions.

**A new approach** to portability in Link Aviation's tracer system of identifying cars has cropped up in talks with one railroad. The idea: construct a portable interrogator which could be moved along beside a standing freight train, recording car numbers as it goes. Link's basic plan (RA, April 13, p. 28) calls for tracer-equipped cars or trains to pass a stationary interrogator.

**Gas turbine engine** being developed by Canada's National Research Council might find application in railroad locomotives. Dr. D. C. Macphail, director of NRC's mechanical engineering division, told the Engineering Institute of Canada that a gas turbine's ability to use low grade fuel and utilize waste heat could make possible "very substantial" fuel cost savings for the turbine over diesel engines. To be competitive, the turbine while idling must use much less fuel than is now possible and must be capable of rapid starting, Dr. Macphail explained.

**Reductions** totaling \$6,665,270 have been made in the property tax assessments of railroads operating in Colorado. The state tax commission indicated that this cut and one of a similar amount last year recognize a general decline in rail earnings.

**"Expansion, not restriction"** is the answer to the railroad industry's problems, W. P. Kennedy, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, declared last week. He said the trend toward consolidations and mergers "represents a move to extract more money from railroad operations on the same or declining levels of traffic, whatever the cost may be in terms of service to shippers, communities, the national economy and to our position of leadership in the world."

**Retired Employees Day** honored some 300 retired employees of the Chicago & Western Indiana and Belt Railway of Chicago recently. The annual event was inaugurated in 1957. This year, it featured a luncheon and a tour of railroad properties by special train.



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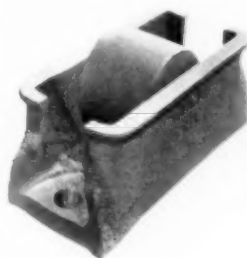
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# Mr. Walrath Clarifies the Issue

In the clearest statement on the regulation of competitive rates yet to be made by any member of the ICC since the enactment of last year's Transportation Act, Commissioner Laurence Walrath has this to say:

"The [Congressional] committee reports, and the ultimate Congressional action in adding paragraph 3 to section 15a, leave no doubt that the Congress views the *New Automobiles* case as expressing the true Congressional intent; and the new law makes it clear we are to plow a straight furrow henceforth."

Mr. Walrath made this statement in an address to Midwest utilities commissioners, meeting at Bismarck, N. D., on June 5. He went on to explain that "umbrella rates" had never been an ICC policy, but "certain language used in some of our reports apparently convinced the Congressional committees that our rate decisions had not always been consistent with" the doctrine in the *New Automobiles* case. This case, he explained, made it clear that the ICC could not hold rates on one mode of carriage to an artificial level to protect the rate structure of another.

There is another important point, however—besides agreement on the meaning of the law—that needs wider understanding. This question has to do with what kind of cost estimates should be used to determine whether or not a proposed rate is compensatory. There is no doubt as to what the *economic* answer to this question is—it is so-called "out-of-pocket" or "direct" costs which should be controlling. Professor Dudley F. Pegrum of the University of California (LA) made this point abundantly clear in his testimony on April 30 in I&S Docket 7034. Professor Pegrum was a witness in this case in behalf of the Southern Pacific, and his testimony has been widely circulated among railroad lawyers.

Fixed costs, he explains, are those which are incurred regardless of the volume of business you do. Direct or "out-of-pocket" costs are those you incur if you handle a particular piece of business, and which you escape if you don't handle it.

If you can charge a rate which will cover your direct costs plus *some* contribution, no matter how small, toward your fixed costs—then you should make that rate, rather than lose the busi-

ness. You will obviously be better off if you make the rate to get this business, than you would be without it. Your customer will also be better off.

But what about the general public welfare—will that be advanced or retarded if you make a (competition compelled) rate only slightly higher than direct costs? The answer is that the public welfare is advanced by such rate-making, because it tends to maximize the use of existing transportation facilities. The fixed costs of these facilities will go on whether they are used much or little—and, since the investment is already made, national resources will be conserved if this investment is fully utilized. Pricing down close to bare direct cost for lighter loads and shorter distances does not preclude much larger profit margins on greater loads and distances.

There are some people (not many economists among them) who believe minimum rates ought to be based on so-called "fully allocated costs." Suppose the "fully allocated cost" (direct cost plus a pro-rata share of total fixed costs) of hauling a shipment is \$2 per 100 lb.—and that the direct cost only is \$1.60. Suppose you can capture this traffic at a rate of \$1.80 but would lose it at \$2. Quite evidently you would be better off to haul it for \$1.80 and earn 20¢ toward your fixed costs than to lose the business and get no contribution whatever toward your fixed costs.

If the "fully allocated cost" doctrine is followed in setting minimum rates, the result is that fixed costs have to be spread over a constantly declining volume of business. Every time you lose tonnage, your unit "fully allocated costs" go up—so you have to raise your rates still higher. And so on until you price yourself out of business.

**A WORTH-WHILE HEADACHE:** Thinking through and clarifying understanding of these minimum rate principles requires a certain amount of painful mental exercise. But it is useful and necessary exercise—and by all alert railroaders, and shippers too. Because it doesn't make sense to expect that full understanding of these rather complex questions is going to permeate the thought and action of the ICC—unless they are fully understood and expounded by railroad men and industrial traffic men who appear before that body in regulatory proceedings.

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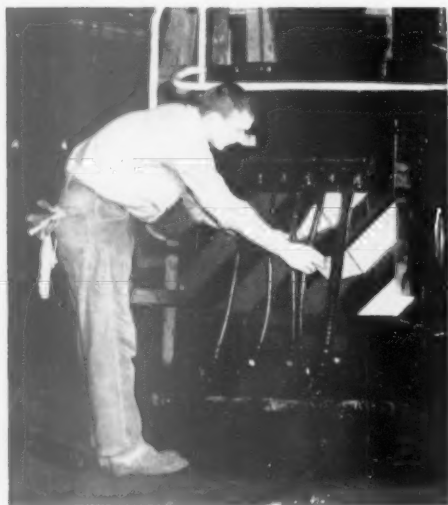
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